

# HIPHOTALKS STARWARZ

Class of 2024



The Introduction, The Emergence and The Comeback

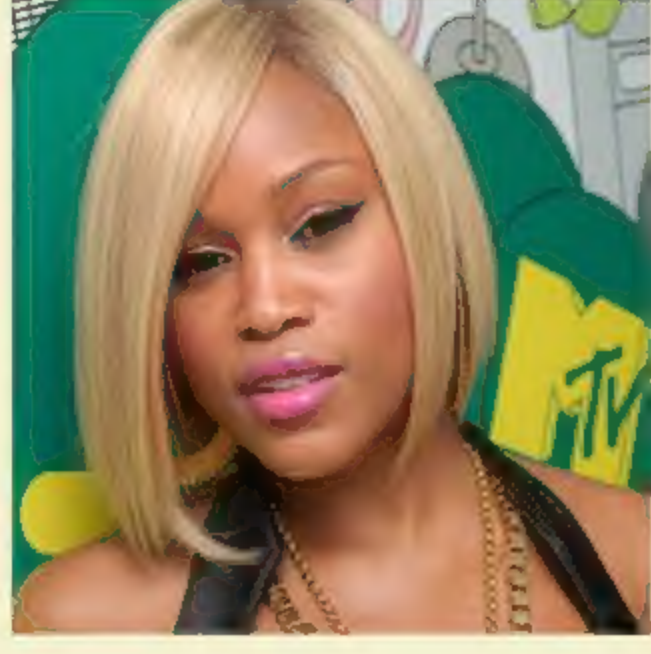
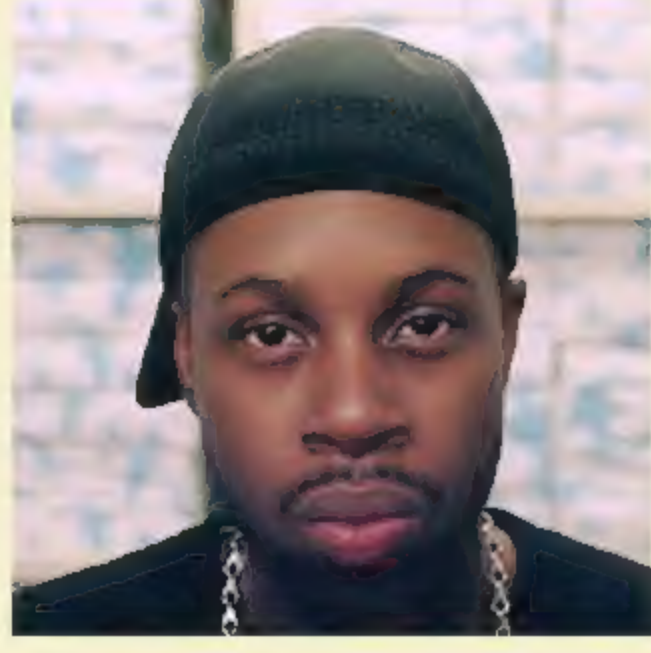
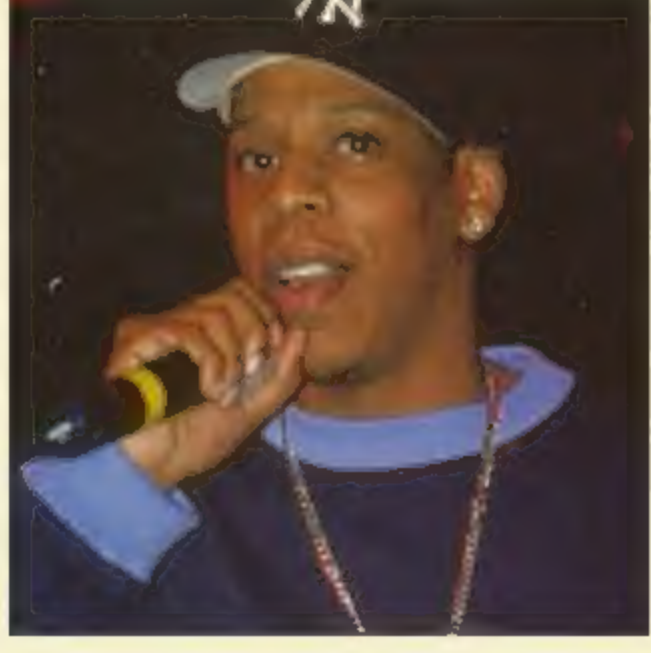
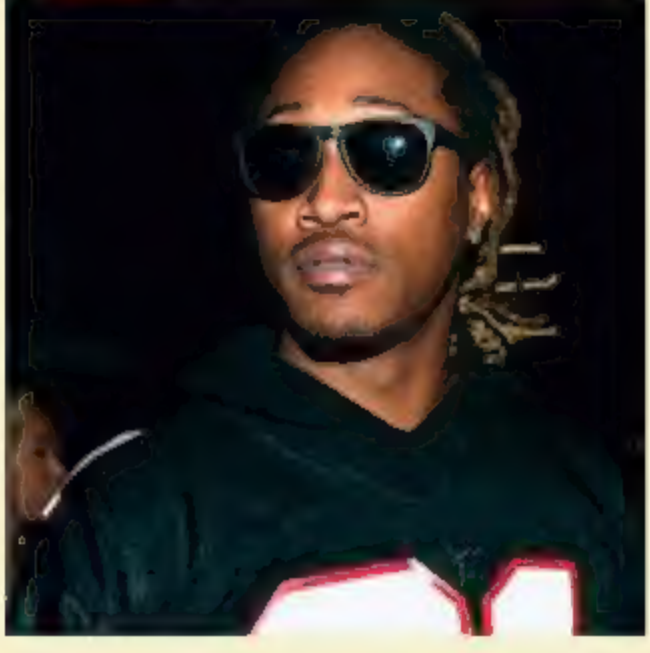


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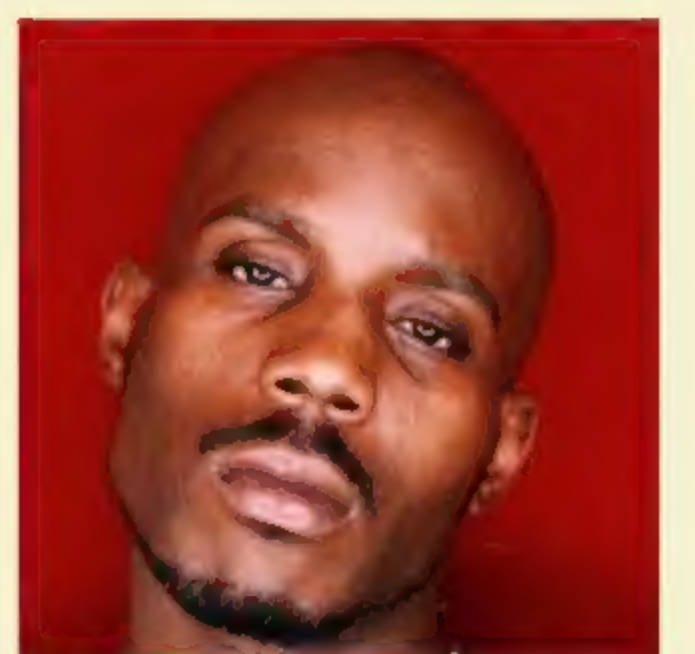
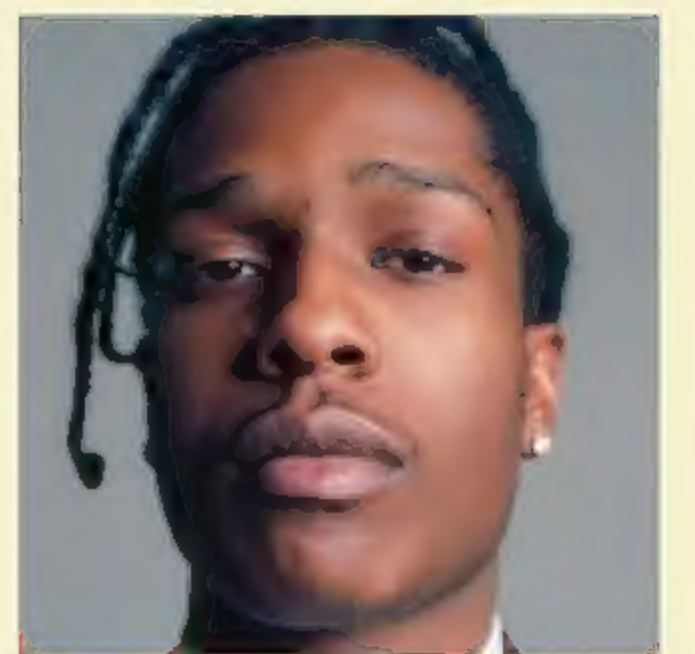
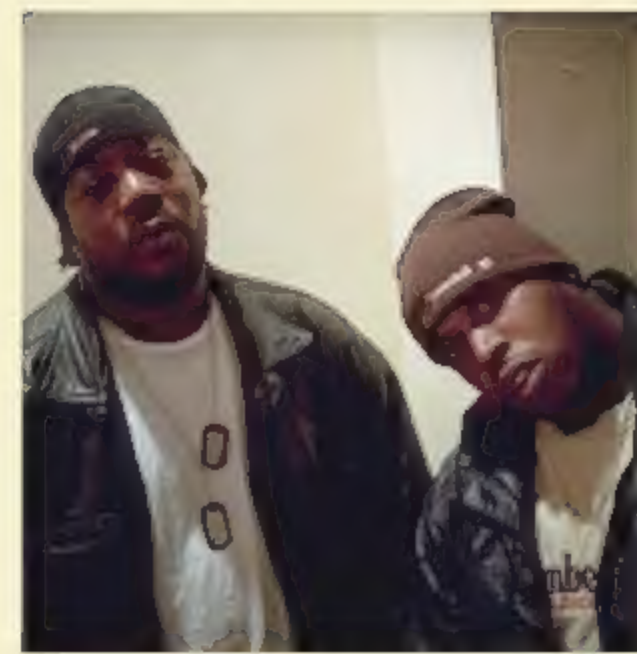
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# This is HIPHOP 50...1











Peace and Love to all my peeps  
that didn't make the cover  
s/o Phife





# The Boogie Down Museum





"The Hip Hop Museum is a museum dedicated to the celebration and preservation of Hip hop music, dance, art and culture and permanent place to celebrate the music that has made the Bronx famous around the world" - [thhm.org](http://thhm.org)





IT WAS ALL A DREAM  
YOU NEVER THOUGHT THAT  
HIP HOP WOULD TAKE IT  
THIS FAR





# We Got It From Here

s/o A Tribe Called Quest



# The Class President



Shawn, as the laid-back antagonist of the crew, embodies a casual, almost indifferent demeanor that contrasts sharply with the more intense personalities around him. He tends to approach conflicts with a nonchalant attitude, often making light of serious situations, which can both frustrate and disarm the rest of the crew. His lack of urgency in

addressing problems gives him a mysterious edge, as he appears unfazed by the chaos around him. Despite his relaxed exterior, Shawn is cunning and insightful, often anticipating the crew's moves long before they make them. He knows how to navigate situations to his advantage without breaking a sweat, relying on his charm and sarcasm to navigate through challenges. This makes him a formidable opponent, as he can exploit the crew's weaknesses while remaining largely inconspicuous. His motivations might be clouded in ambiguity; perhaps he's driven by a desire for control, or maybe he seeks to expose the crew's vulnerabilities for his amusement. Shawn thrives in the tension he creates, using it to maintain his dominant position without overtly engaging in conflict. Ultimately, his laid-back approach makes him both a frustrating and captivating antagonist, leaving the crew grappling with how to confront the enigma he presents without falling into his traps.



# The Virginian Knight



Adriel "AG" Green fell in love with hip-hop at the young age of 7, when in 1988 he was introduced to albums by rap legends such as: NWA, Geto Boys, Run DMC, LL Cool J, Eric B. & Rakim, and Big Daddy Kane. His mother did not approve of him listening to these albums, but his older cousins and uncle kept young Adriel engaged in the hip-hop artform that was, itself, in it's adolescent stage. As Adriel and hip-hop grew together over the years, AG became a staunch listener with a penchant for dissecting complex lyrical wordplay. AG also developed a love for the elements of hip-hop production while being a musician himself - playing the piano and drums. Dabbling in rapping and making beats while in college at Marshall University, AG realized he was better served being a major hip-hop fan, and participating in the culture from the sidelines. This participation has come full-circle and AG is now an integral piece of the Hiphoptalks podcast and media platform. He has always relished engaging in hip-hop conversations with his friends, debating classic album statuses, and ranking emcees head-to-head. Being from West Virginia, AG offers a unique perspective on hip-hop without any regional bias. Adriel is well-versed in hip-hop from all regions, from East Coast Boom-Bap, West Coast G-funk, Dirty South, Midwest, etc. AG hopes to be the hip-hop representative who puts his home state on the map in the media space.



# The People's Champion of Hip-Hop

For over eight years, Coop has been a steadfast voice in the podcasting world, carving out a space where hip-hop culture thrives. Known for his unfiltered takes and unrelenting work ethic, Coop is more than a commentator he's a bridge between the artists, the fans, and the essence of hip-hop itself. Raised on the sounds of the Southern hip-hop scene, Coop's love for the culture began long before he stepped behind the mic. As a former rapper, he knows firsthand the grind and passion it takes to create. That experience informs his perspective, giving him a rare authenticity that resonates with listeners. But Coop isn't just about breaking down bars and beats; he's about building community. Through his work, he has fostered spaces where hip-hop lovers can come together, connect, and celebrate the culture they love. Coop's ability to connect with people is unmatched. Whether it's an artist sharing their story or a fan expressing their passion, Coop's natural charisma and genuine curiosity create a platform where everyone feels heard. His writing and storytelling skills further elevate his voice, blending insight and emotion to paint a vivid picture of hip-hop's ever-evolving landscape.







Deeply rooted in the South, Coop brings a unique perspective to the table, championing the region's contributions to the culture while celebrating hip-hop's global impact. He's not afraid to challenge conventional narratives, offering bold opinions backed by years of experience and a true love for the art form. For Coop, hip-hop is more than music it's a movement, a community, and a way of life. Whether he's diving into the golden era, exploring today's hottest trends, or amplifying underrepresented voices, Coop is driven by a singular mission: to preserve, celebrate, and push the culture forward. As a voice for the people, Coop continues to build bridges, spark conversations, and remind the world why hip-hop remains a force to be reckoned with.



# Discount Tom Segura

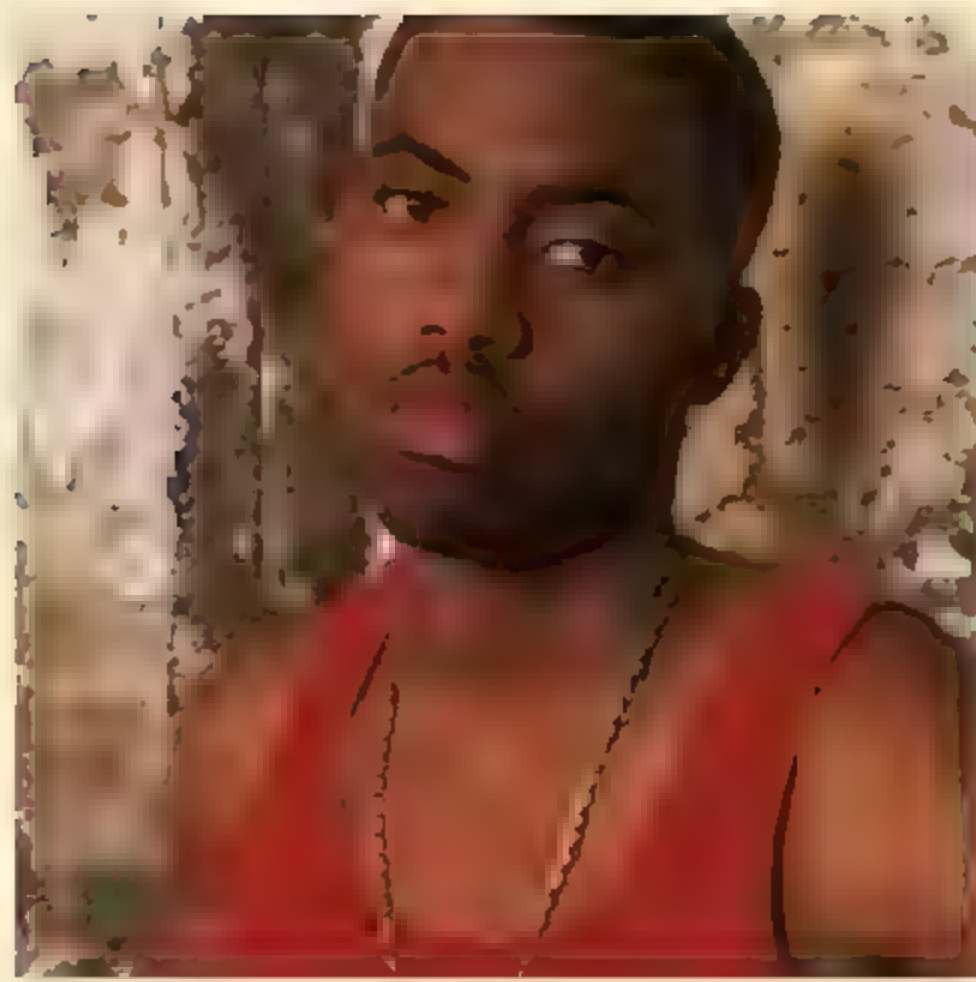
Andrew is the faceless silent partner of the group co-founder of Mirror Music, friends with Coop for close to 30 years, a guy who still laughs at least once a week about being called discount Tom Segura by a YouTube commenter awhile back.

He takes care of the graphic design and video editing and some of the tech setup/support and some of the merch management, and he shares opinions with the crew behind the scenes based on a long history with music outside of the hip-hop sphere. He's a pacifist, a thinker, and the glue guy at the end of the bench.

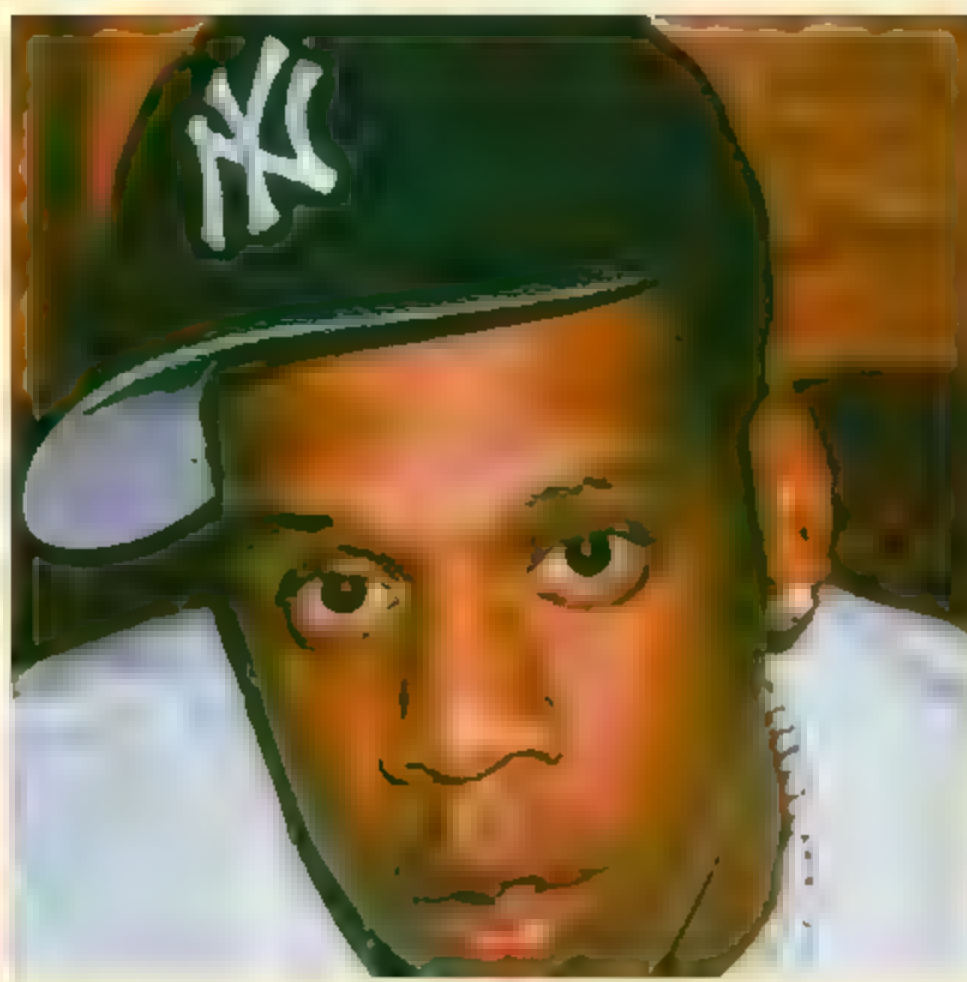
All good vibes.



# Shawn's Fantasy Draft



96 Nas



01 Jay



96 Prodigy



95 Rae



93 Snoop



98 Pun



96 Stacks



89 G Rap



01 Jada



87 LL



05 Jeezy



# Coop's Fantasy Draft



90 Rakim



98 DMX



03 50 Cent



91 Cube



89 Slick Rick



88 Kane



87 KRS



05 Wayne



99 Thought



05 Kanye



95 GZA



# Adriel's Fantasy Draft



97 Big



96 Pac



00 Ghost



96 Lauryn



94 Face



98 Canibus



96 Redman



97 Meth



12 Kendrick



05 Common



05 Game



# Welcome New Faces



# BigXthaPlug

Dallas Represent, Represent





# Doechii

Boogie Down Represent, Represent





# Cash Cobain

Boogie Down Represent, Represent





# Model of the Year





# Jessica White

is an American model, actress, and entrepreneur, best known for her work in the fashion industry and as a prominent figure in the world of modeling. Born on June 21, 1984, in Buffalo, New York, she began her career in modeling at a young age and quickly rose to prominence due to her striking looks and distinctive features. White's career took off when she was signed to prestigious agencies and became a sought-after face for major fashion campaigns and runway shows. She has worked with some of the biggest names in the fashion industry, including appearing in advertisements for high-end brands like Chanel, Louis Vuitton, and Victoria's Secret. Her modeling career also led her to feature in major publications such as Vogue, Elle, and Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue, where she became a fan favorite for her sultry and powerful presence. Beyond modeling, Jessica White has ventured into acting, making appearances in TV shows and films. She's also known for her personal life, which has drawn significant media attention, and has been involved in various philanthropic efforts. Jessica has also ventured into entrepreneurship, including starting her own businesses. She remains an influential figure in fashion and entertainment, admired for her resilience and versatility.





















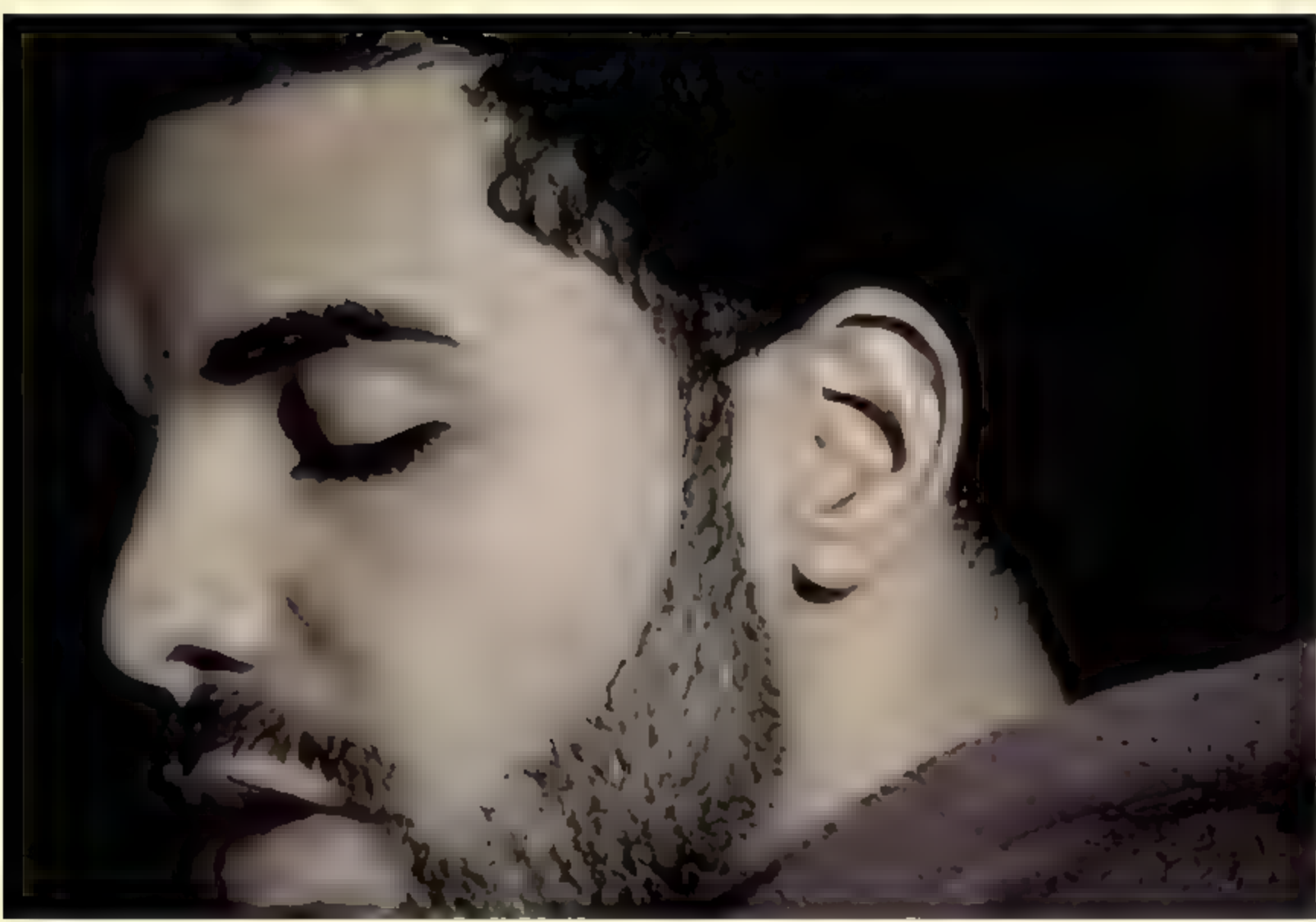
# STARWARZ

The ongoing feud between Kendrick Lamar, Drake, and J. Cole has been one of the most captivating narratives in recent hip-hop history, with a mixture of collaboration, competition, and personal rivalries. Here's a breakdown of the timeline and dynamics involving these three titans of rap





# Early Years and Friendly Rivalries

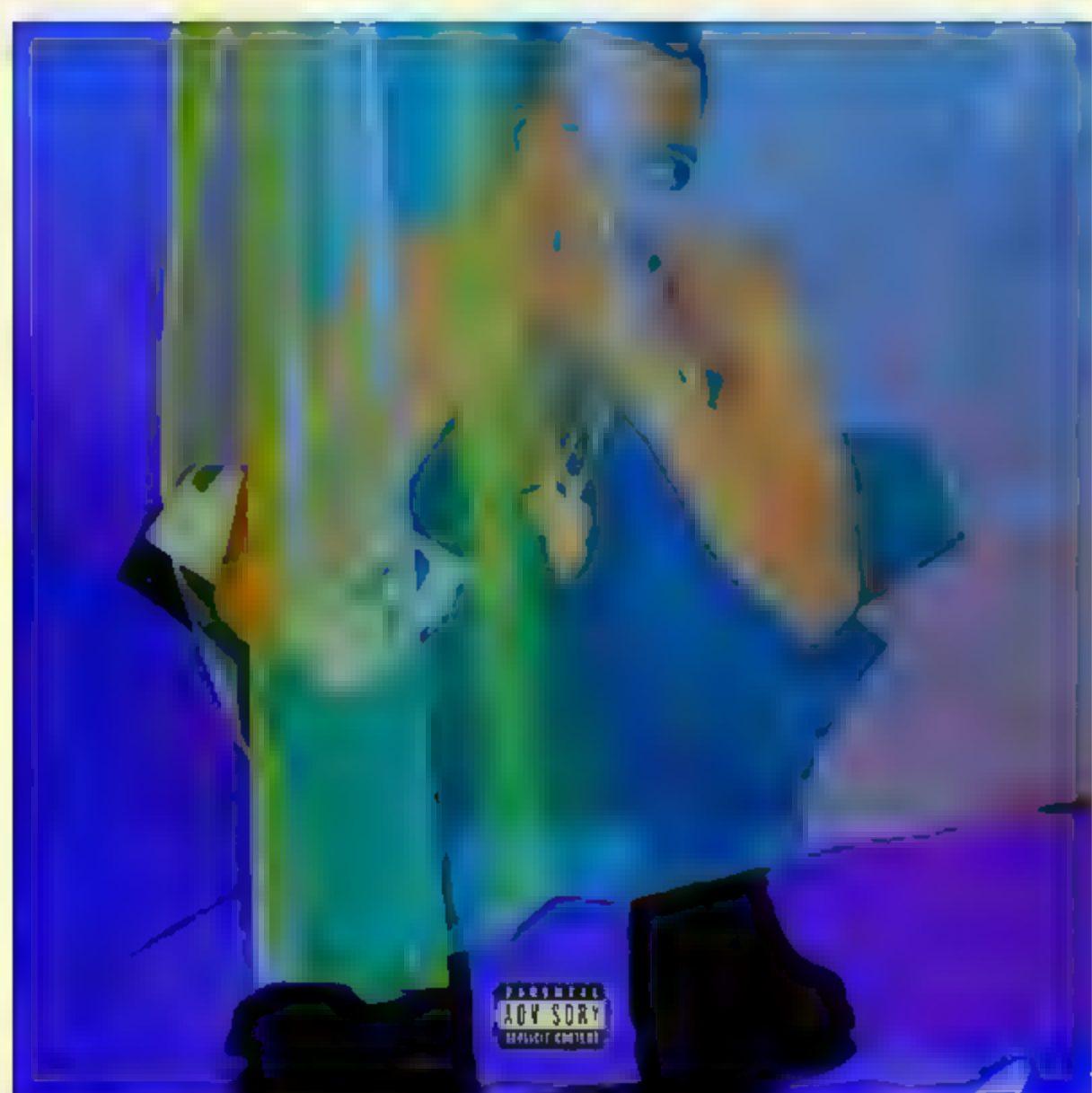


Kendrick Lamar and J. Cole had a history of mutual respect, teasing a collaborative project that never materialized but maintained a strong creative rapport. Drake, meanwhile, collaborated with both, forging tracks that reflected camaraderie early in their careers. However, the seeds of competition began to take root as all three artists rose to claim their positions in the rap hierarchy.





# Feud Ignition: Kendrick and Drake



The tension between Kendrick and Drake traces back to Kendrick's iconic verse on Big Sean's "Control" in 2013, where he called out his peers, including Drake, by name. This sparked a cold war of subtle jabs over the years. The rivalry reignited in 2023, catalyzed by J. Cole's

verse in "First Person Shooter," where he declared the trio as the "big three" of hip-hop. Kendrick dismissed the notion, proclaiming himself above the others, escalating tensions further.





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euphoria noun

Synonyms: euphoric, euphoric

a feeling of well-being or elation



# The Height of the Beef (2024)

Drake and Kendrick engaged in a heated diss track exchange in 2024, marked by aggressive releases like Kendrick's "Euphoria" and "Not Like Us" versus Drake's "Push Ups" and "Family Matters." The tracks became increasingly personal, with accusations about legacy, lifestyle, and controversial subjects. J. Cole, initially swept into the drama with a track of his own, later apologized publicly and distanced himself, citing a desire to avoid unnecessary conflict.

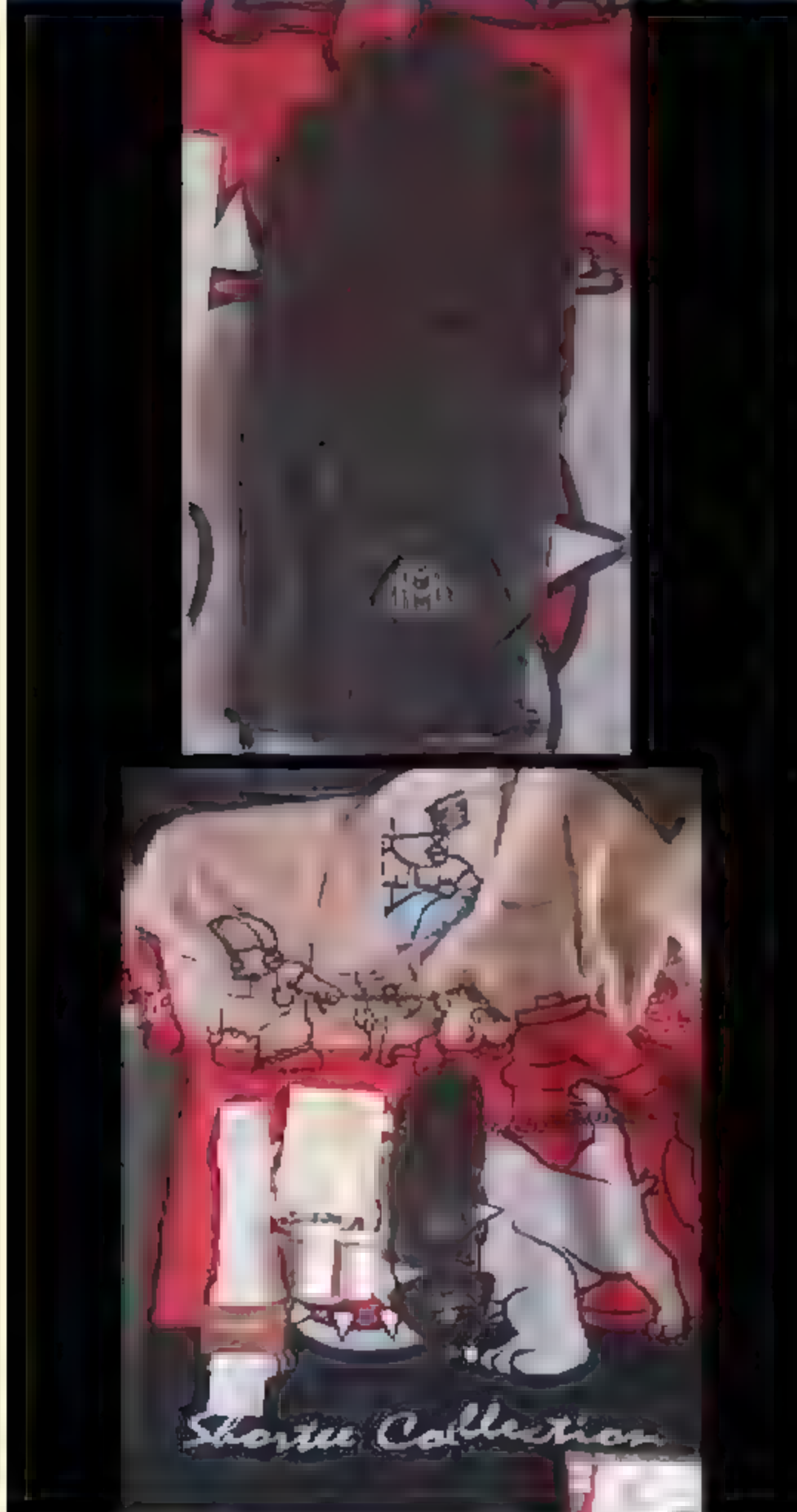




## J. Cole's Withdrawal and Mediation

Cole's role shifted to that of a mediator. Through his introspective track "Port Antonio," he expressed regret over his involvement and urged Kendrick and Drake to focus on their artistry rather than feuding. This positioned him as the voice of reason amid the chaos, even as his earlier diss was removed from streaming platforms.





# The Ranking

1. Not Like Us
2. Family Matters
3. 6: 16 in LA
4. The Heart Part 6
5. Meet the Grahams
6. Euphoria
7. Push Ups
8. Taylor Made



# Expectations and Impact

The feud has fueled massive fan engagement, with speculation about how this dynamic will evolve. While Drake and Kendrick continue to trade barbs, their lyrical battles have also reignited debates about authenticity, artistry, and the state of modern hip-hop.

This three-way saga is a testament to their influence, with J. Cole stepping away from the battlefield, Kendrick asserting his dominance, and Drake defending his legacy. Each artist's next move will be pivotal in shaping the genre's future.

































# Queens Get The Money





## Nas brings casino to Queens

gaming floor, 1,600 new hotel rooms, a 7,000-seat performance venue, and a 10-acre community park. Additionally, the plan features 30 new food and beverage vendors and housing for up to 3,000 employees. If approved, this venture is expected to generate approximately 10,000 jobs, revitalizing the local economy while providing career opportunities for Queens residents. Nas expressed his excitement about the project, emphasizing its potential to uplift the community and inspire the next generation of leaders. He stated, "This is an ambitious project that will give new opportunities to the hard-working families who call Queens home".

Nas, the iconic rapper and entrepreneur, has partnered with Resorts World Casino New York City to spearhead a transformative \$5 billion redevelopment plan. This project aims to expand the casino into a Las Vegas-style entertainment hub in Queens, Nas's hometown. Highlights include a massive 350,000-square-foot





## Not Nas' First Business Venture

Nas's involvement in the casino initiative builds on his extensive track record as a savvy businessman. His investment firm, QueensBridge Venture Partners, has backed several high-profile companies.



# Companies Nas invested in:



Ring  
acquired by Amazon  
for over \$1 billion



Coinbase  
one of the largest  
cryptocurrency platforms



Dropbox  
pioneer  
in cloud storage apps



Robinhood  
pioneer in  
trading apps



Lyft  
ride-hailing service



PillPack  
vacquired by Amazon  
for \$753 million





# Nas, a Visionary Investor

Nas's business acumen and history of supporting disruptive innovations have cemented his reputation as not only a cultural icon but also a visionary investor. Through initiatives like the casino redevelopment, he continues to shape the landscape of economic opportunities for communities in New York City and beyond.





# Nas and DJ Premier Official Album Announcement



Nas and DJ Premier have officially announced their highly anticipated collaborative album, thrilling fans of both hip-hop legends. The announcement was accompanied by the release of their new single, "Define My Name," on April 19, 2024. The track, featuring Nas reflecting on his legacy and DJ Premier's iconic scratches, arrives just in time for the 30th anniversary of Nas' landmark debut, *\*illmatic\**. Their history of collaboration runs deep, beginning with *illmatic*, where Premier produced classics like "N.Y. State of Mind" and "Represent." Over the years, their partnership has produced standout tracks such as "Nas Is Like" and more recent work like "Beat Breaks." The upcoming album marks their first full-length project together, blending Nas' introspective lyricism with Premier's boom-bap mastery. Expected to release in late 2024 or early 2025, the album is poised to be a major event in hip-hop, with fans eagerly anticipating more of the duo's signature magic.























# LL Drops long awaited "The Force" with QTip

LL Cool J and Q-Tip's *The Force* has been praised for its blend of intricate storytelling and exceptional production, and tracks like "Praise Him" stand out as highlights. This song, which merges gospel influences with classic hip-hop elements, features LL reflecting on resilience and gratitude. Backed by Q-Tip's soulful and uplifting production, the track balances introspection with the commanding delivery that LL is known for.



Critics have noted the layered choral arrangements and poignant lyricism as key features of "Praise Him," marking it as one of the most emotionally impactful songs on the album. This track, alongside others like "Spirit of Cyrus" and "Proclivities," showcases the album's versatility and ability to connect LL's legacy with contemporary sounds, further solidifying \*The Force\* as one of his most powerful projects in decades.





















# West coast Major comeback





# Ice Cube – Man Down Album Review and Legacy



Ice Cube's latest album, *Man Down*, continues to solidify his status as a West Coast hip-hop legend. The album blends nostalgic elements of G-funk, trap, and hyphy while exploring themes of resilience, loyalty, and commentary on societal issues. Tracks like "5150" and "Break the

Mirror" highlight Cube's gritty delivery and raw energy, reminiscent of his early days, while collaborations with artists like Xzibit, Killer Mike, and Kurupt showcase his ability to bridge generations of hip-hop. The standout moments, such as the soulful "Ghetto Story" and the funky "She's Sanctified" featuring Mount Westmore, remind listeners of Ice Cube's unique storytelling ability and commitment to West Coast culture.

However, some tracks struggle with dated production or less impactful lyrics, making the album uneven at times. Nevertheless, it marks a notable improvement over some of his more recent projects, with critics praising its tighter production and meaningful collaborations.





# Ice Cube's Legacy and the West Coast Impact

Man Down underscores Ice Cube's influence as a pioneer of West Coast hip-hop, tracing back to his days with N.W.A. and as a solo artist. Cube remains a symbol of cultural authenticity and innovation, credited with popularizing gangsta rap and addressing social issues through his music. While this album may not redefine his career, it serves as a homage to his roots and a testament to his longevity in the industry.



Ice Cube's ability to remain relevant after decades speaks volumes about his legacy. Albums like Man Down reflect the enduring spirit of West Coast hip-hop and its evolution, influencing both veteran listeners and younger audiences. As one of the architects of a genre that shaped global culture, Cube continues to inspire and challenge perceptions of what hip-hop can achieve.







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## Snoop and Dre have a new thing (word to Nas)

Dr. Dre and Snoop Dogg's highly anticipated album *Missionary* is set to release on December 13, 2024, marking their first full-length collaboration since Snoop's debut album *Doggystyle* in 1993. Produced entirely by Dr. Dre, the project serves as a spiritual sequel to *Doggystyle*, and expectations are high given their legendary status in West Coast hip-hop. The album includes 15 tracks and features appearances from artists such as Eminem, 50 Cent, Method Man, Sting, Jhené Aiko, and BJ the Chicago Kid.



So far, two singles, Outta Da Blue featuring Dre and Alus and Gorgeous featuring Jhené Aiko, have been released, but fan reception has been mixed, with neither track making a major splash. Despite this, Snoop and Dre remain confident in the album's quality. Snoop has described the project as masterful, highlighting Dre's unique approach to crafting his sound. Fans are hoping the album recaptures the magic of their past collaborations, such as Nuthin' But a 'G' Thang and Still D.R.E., while embracing their growth as artists. With Missionary, the duo aims to solidify their legacy while appealing to both nostalgic fans and new listeners. Whether this album will stand out in today's competitive music landscape remains to be seen, but its release has generated substantial buzz.











## Kendrick drops surprise album "GNX"

Kendrick Lamar made headlines by surprise-releasing his new album GNX on November 22, 2024. The project, his sixth studio album and his first not under Top Dawg Entertainment, features 12 tracks with guest appearances from artists such as SZA, Sam Dew, AzChike, and Kamasi Washington. Notably, production credits include DJ Dahi, Mustard, Terrace Martin, and Kendrick himself.





The album, which takes its title from the Buick Grand National Experimental car, reflects themes of resilience and confrontation, coinciding with Kendrick's recent public feud with Drake. Tracks like "Not Like Us," a Grammy-nominated diss track, elevated anticipation for GNX and set the tone for Kendrick's lyrical approach on the album.

In addition to the album's release, Kendrick is set to headline the 2025 Super Bowl Halftime Show, adding to the excitement surrounding his current era of artistry. Fans and critics are already speculating about the album's impact, with many pointing to its bold sound and themes as a continuation of Kendrick's dominance in the hip-hop space.

















# New NWA Straight Outta Pasadena





# Big Hit

, a California rapper, made his comeback after a nine-year prison sentence with significant momentum in the hip-hop scene. His recent collaboration with The Game and his son, renowned producer Hit-Boy, resulted in a surprise nine-track project titled Paisley Dreams, released on January 1, 2024. The album was recorded in a single session and includes features from Dom Kennedy and TeeFLii. The project highlights Big Hit's powerful lyricism over his son's masterful production, solidifying their father-son creative bond. Earlier, Big Hit showcased his solo artistry with The Truth Is in My Eyes, produced entirely by Hit-Boy. This debut album was heavily inspired by reflections during his prison time, featuring collaborations with major artists like Snoop Dogg and Benny The Butcher. These releases demonstrate Big Hit's resilience and talent, earning him recognition as a breakthrough artist.























## Bar Seminar Quotable of the Week



# RAKIM

## CHECK OUT MY MELODY PAID IN FULL

I'm not a regular competitor,  
first rhyme editor melody  
arranger, poet et cetera. Extra  
events, the grand finale like  
bonus I am the man they call the  
microphonist. With wisdom, which  
means wise words being spoken.  
Too many at one time, I watch the  
mic start smoking. I came to  
express the rap I manifest stand  
in my way, and I'll veto all the  
word's protest Emcees that wanna  
be best, they're gonna. Be dissed  
if they don't get from in front  
of. All they can go get is me a  
glass of Moet A hard time, sip  
your juice and watch a smooth  
poet. I take seven emcees put 'em  
in a line and add seven more  
brothers ho think they can rhyme.

Well, it'll take seven more  
before I go for mine. Now that's  
twenty-one emcees ate up at the  
same time. Easy does it, do it  
easy, that's what I'm doing no  
fessing, no essing around, no  
chewing no robbing or buying,  
biting-why borrow? This slob will  
stop trying, fighting to follow  
my unusua style will confuse you  
a while. If I was water, I'd flow  
in the Nile so many rhymes, you  
won't have time to go for yours  
just because of applause, I have  
to pause. Right after tonight is  
when I prepare to catch another  
sucker duck emcee out there  
'Cause my strategy has to be  
tragedy, catastrophe and after  
this you'll call me your  
majesty





# KENDRICK

## REAL

### GOOD KID M.A.A.D CITY

The reason why I know you very well 'Cause we have the same eyes, can't you tell? The days I tried to cover up and conceal My pride, it only made it harder for me to deal When living in a world that come with plan B A scapegoat 'cause plan A don't come free And plan C just an excuse like "because" Or the word "but," but what if I got love? I love them, I love when I love her I love so much, I love when love hurts I love first verse 'cause you're the girl I attract I love second verse 'cause you're the homie that pack Burner like a stove top, that love cooking from scratch I love what the both of you have to offer In fact, I love it so much, I don't love anything else But what love got to do with it when I don't love myself To the point I should hate everything I do love? Should I hate living my life inside the club? Should I hate her for watching me for that reason? Should I hate him for telling me that I'm seizin? Should I hate them for telling me "ball out"? Should I hate street credibility I'm talkin' about Hating all money, power, respect in my will Or hating the fact none of that shit make me real?





# BEANIE SIGEL

## CREW LOVE BELLY SOUNDTRACK

Yo, I set up shop wit nick rocks  
that'll upset rookies Make 'em  
slide like li'i dicks in wet  
pussy Open up the whole strip,  
like Monopoly Dare one of ya'll  
to land on my property Think you  
get some dough for my community  
chest? Blaow blaow two to yo che  
Ya'll niggas can't pass go cuz it  
cost to pass Ya'll niggas cheap  
like Baltic Ave Type ta land on  
jail can't pay your bail Wanna  
borrow from the bank, nigga what  
you think I'm the wrong one to  
lie to Shit I'm the man who  
supply who supply who supply YOU  
And ya'll a bunch talk money I'm  
tryin to get it down for that  
motherfuckin boardwalk money Two-  
brick money new blue six money  
Peru trip money flew in six money  
Taj Mahal trips orange chips  
money Long dick money all in yo  
bitch money Flow like the flu and  
spit sick money Peep hotty's Roc-  
A-Fella wools route All black  
mask down wit they tools out  
Beanie mack I'll move out I had  
niggas runnin from school pickin  
new routes Then I'll run and lick  
a shot make 'em move south Switch  
up they last name, get a new  
spouse Scrambled up some down-  
payment for a new house No matter  
where you go Mac gon' find ya I'm  
like a shadow nigga, I'm right  
behind ya I'll blow out ya brains  
and won't give you no reminder





# ANDRE 3000

## GET UP

### SOUTHERNPLAYALISTICADILACMUSIK

Y'all telling me that I need to get out and vote, huh, why? Ain't nobody black running but crackers, so, why I got to register? I thinking of better shit to do with my time Never smell aroma of diploma, but I write the deep ass rhymes so let me take way, back to when a nigga stayed in Southwest Atlanta, ay Y'all could not tell me nothing, thought I hit that bottom rock. At age 13, start working at the loading dock. They laying my mama off work, General Motors tripping. But I come home banked like Ha from licking and dipping. Doing dumb shit, not knowing what a nigga know now. Yeah, that petty shit will have you cased up an locked down. I dips, over to East Point, still actin a fool. Wasting my time in the school, I'd rather be shooting pool. Cool is how I played the tenth grade. I thought it was all about macking hoes a wearing pimp fade Instead of being in class, I'd rather be up in so ass. Not, thinking about them six courses that I need to pass.

Graduation rolled around like roly-pollies Damn, that's fucked u should've listened when my mama told me. That, if you play nov you gonna suffer later. Figured she was talking yang yang, so I payed her no attention. And kept missing the point she tried to poke me with. The dooper that I get, the more I'm feeling broke an shit. Huh, but that don't matter though, I am an O-UT-KAST. So off your ass"





# SHEEK LOUCH

## F YOU WE ARE THE STREETS

Ayy, yo, y'all niggas ain't  
hardcore, all my niggas is  
homicide What you know about  
gettin' shot, lettin' the drip  
dry? Lettin' the spit fly, seein'  
sparks whiz by Puttin' the  
M.A.S.H. on niggas like Klinger  
and Hawk Eye So soft you smushy, I  
blast 'til your shit is gushy  
Should be the head Cat in the  
Broadway play, you pussy Fuck with  
Sheek, Ouija board spell  
"Death" (uh) You can talk that  
beef shit, I hope that deep shit  
Be as deep as you inside the  
fuckin' cement Or you can deep sea  
dive, with no scuba gear I'll  
drown you with your snorkel on,  
bitch, breathe out of there Whole  
team rich, never seen a summer  
like this Bakin' hot, and you can  
sled ride down my wrist, neck, and  
hand When it comes to coke, I can  
make a snowman shit Play in this  
shit make a angel with it And I  
don't give a fuck about that  
three-eighty that y'all share  
Between the ten of y'all with the  
same eight bullets from last year  
When I bust I use snubs, then I'm  
fleein' the spot The hand I write  
with need a oven glove, my shit so  
hot I want the most, Rollie only  
work when it's next to my post  
Fuck a Presi' gimme a Yacht  
Master, regular bezzy Then I'm  
good when I'm in the hood and I'm  
on the block You got a gut feelin'  
about shit, nigga, that means you  
shot, what?





# KENDRICK

## FEEL DAMN

I feel niggas been out of pocket  
I feel niggas tappin' they  
pockets I feel like debated on  
who the greatest can stop it I am  
legend, I feel like all of y'all  
is peasants I feel like all of  
y'all is desperate I feel like  
all it take is a second to feel  
like Mike Jordan whenever holdin'  
a real mic Lain't feelin' your  
presence Feet like I'ma learn you  
a lesson Feel like only me and  
the music, though I feel like  
your feelin' ain't mutual I feel  
like the enemy you should know  
Feel like the feelin' of no hope  
The feelin' of bad dope A quarter  
ounce manipulated from soap The  
feelin', the feelin' of false  
freedom force-feed 'em the poison  
that fill 'em up in the prison I  
feel like it's just me Look, I  
feel like I can't breathe Look, I  
feel like I can't sleep Look, I  
feel heartless, often off this  
Feelin' of fallin', of fallin'  
apart with Darkest hours, lost it  
Fillin' the void of bein'  
employed with ballin Streets is  
talkin', fill in the blanks with  
coffins Fill up the banks with  
dollars Fill up the graves with  
fathers Fill up the babies with  
bullshit Internet blogs and  
pulpit, fill 'em with gossip I  
feel like this gotta be the  
feelin' what 'Pac was





# LL COOLJ

## GOAT ILL BOMB

Rappers don't really want it,  
they might claim they do They  
know I'm catching bodies, go  
'head name a few After I blaze  
you, I get a doughnut Don't  
want no blood up on my chrome  
shoes Lord have mercy, this  
rookies got it confused You  
thought you caught me  
slipping, I was falsely  
accused Sleeping with my eyes  
wide shut, like Tom Cruise  
They wishing an impossible  
mission to see me lose Lay up  
time to choose, all I hate is  
on the left You hoping and  
praying you get to hear me  
take my last breath Lyrically,  
but I gang bang the track,  
chop sling like Cracker  
Hundred keys a month, you  
fucking up G backs nigga  
Invincible, unstoppable y'all  
niggas ain't ill your  
illogical This is L, the  
pigeon thriller, dream  
fulfiller A little something  
for ya ice guerrillas Drop a  
bomb on 'em When its time to  
attack Quiet Storm on 'em Hold  
ya nuts and keep ya palms on  
'em Keep gangsta shit pumping  
through my system When my  
strobe lights flash you can't  
miss' em listen

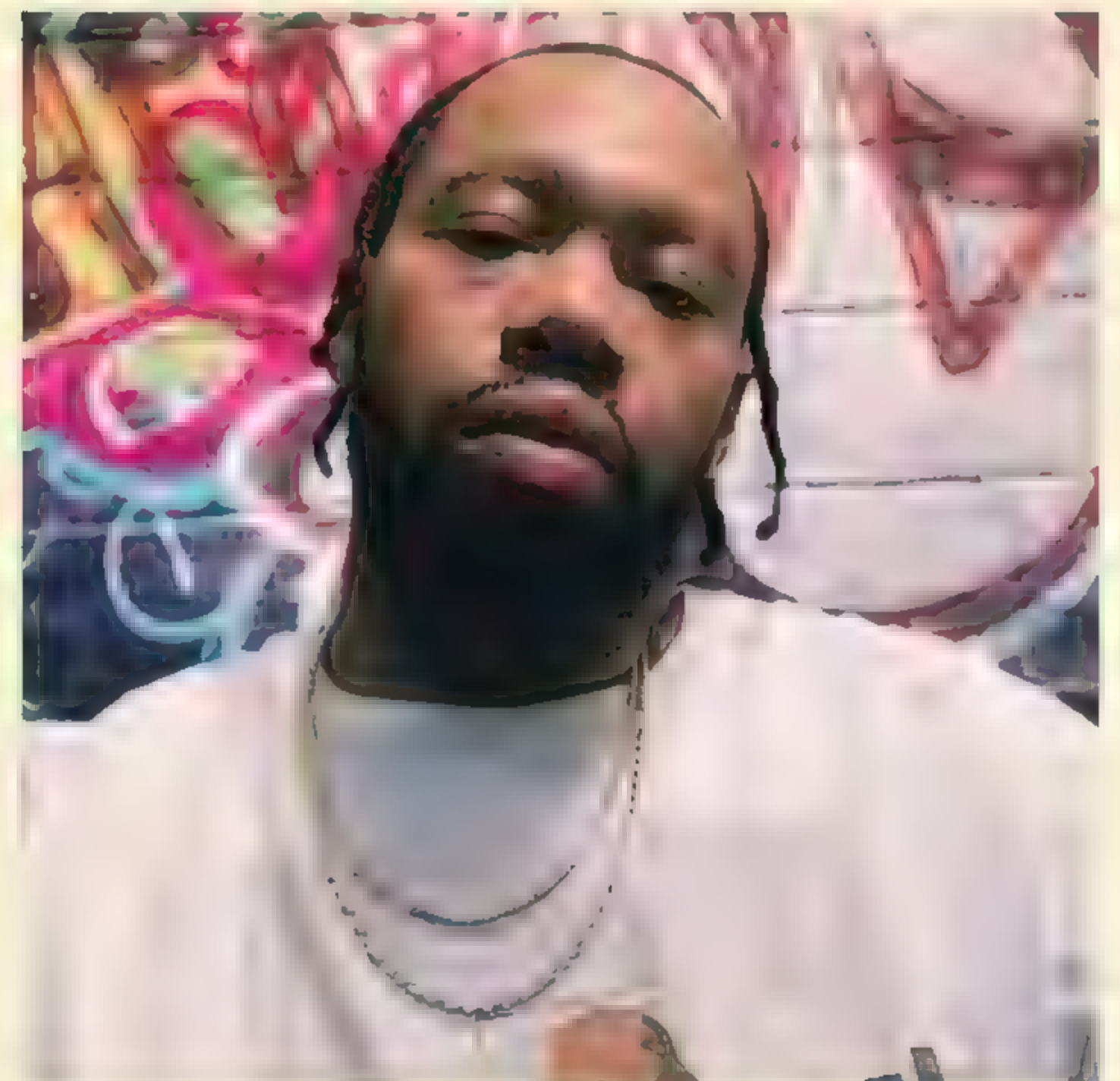




# IAMGAWD

## WISE SOULS More Suede

If I ain't makin no history, why the fuck bother You take the road less traveled, its gon' be much harder I stand on my beliefs, my nuts larger I feel your trauma self Inflicted, I tend to not give a fuck harder We all grown, I ain't babying no adults You ain't gettin nowhere in life cause you lazy in your approach How we grow up amongst the wolves, yet amazingly grow a GOAT? I ain't made it to stadiums filled with patrons that know the quotes Listen, I AM GAWD, nonbelievers get converted Introspective and introverted, its impressive when he words it Many blessings emerging In life we go through many teachable moments, bt the lessons inadvertent Yeah, I bare my soul in the booth like makin' confessions Pulled myself up out a 8 month long state of depression How the fuck you gonna tell me I ain't favored by The Divine? Created by the Divine. I am aided by the divine, nigga So when I say I AM GAWD, its far from blasphemous It's opposite of what average is, a catalyst for your callousness The time's ticking for your cowardice I'll empty out the hour glass on your coward ass I should write a book about rappin' and call it "How To Sparz" In public venues coughin' up shit sick as Covid without a mask To the goofies that wanna see him fail I pray you get that hate up out your heart to my niggas it's PML Way too much potential to be in jail Rather be on the sea and sail instead of beefin' and seein' shells We them niggas you bout to see excel Really I don't fit in with this era like a toddler rockin a 3XL Y'all except everything but accountability Can't maneuver through obstructions without agility When them Chicago niggas in the facility Demonstrate some humility, elevating considerably





# NAS

## NO IDEAS ORIGINAL THE LOST TAPES

If niggas could look inside my mind,  
you'll find here bodies are buried, first  
look past the hotties who dimes to the  
center, enter with caution, past the  
brain cell graveyard Where weed's  
responsible for memory loss Let's  
witness, the horrific, the stench'll make  
you nauseous See what I seen every day I  
live with this torture Lightin' spliffs  
up to stay high like 24 hours Sleep with  
my heat, wash with my gun in the shower  
My tongue is power, it thrills women,  
kills demons Long as I'm still breathin'  
I'm still winnin', I'll teach 'em The  
hood converted from trey bags to 20's a  
girl Everybody had money, every summer  
was real ill Four-finger rings, dope  
dealers, 'caine/Kane "No Half Steppin'"  
with flat tops when Rakim reigned. Radios  
on card tables, Benetton, the Gods  
buildin' Ask for today's mathematics, we  
Allah's children You're part of the  
world, might be like colors and gangs  
While on my side, brothers'll murder for  
different things But it all revolve  
around drugs, fame and shorties Stuck for  
your bling, stripped for your chain, the  
same story From, Czechoslovakia to Texas  
metropolis Them treacherous rastas in the  
Mexican mafias Be scrapping with tats on  
they back, violent wars And this was  
goin' on in every New York ghetto Kids  
listened, Five Percenters said it's pork  
in Jell-o We coincide, we in the same  
life, maybe a time difference On a  
different coast, but we share the same  
sunlight Nothing less than a lethal  
injection if ever caught Courtrooms,  
eagles and flags, American style While in  
our world, the ghetto stays incredibly  
foul Watching for paint chips, don't want  
no lead in yo' child But them gangstas  
put lead in yo' child, the bezzy be out  
The chain be like a hundred K ng since  
Roxanne Shante' made "Runaway"; that's  
been a min Genesis is deen, my features  
are that of a God





# LIL WAYNE

## GOSSIP Carter III

Stop hatin' on a nigga  
That is a weak emotion, the  
lady of a nigga And you can  
get tipped like you're  
waitin' on a nigga Put a  
body bag and an apron on a  
nigga I give my all behind  
the mic But you can never  
see if you sit behind the  
light And you don't have to  
pick me to win the title  
fight But I'ma wear that  
championship belt so tight  
And if I'm wrong, there is  
no right And if I'm wrong,  
there is Snow White I'm  
tryna be polite But you  
bitches in my hair like the  
fuckin' po-lice And my flow  
is rare, these other  
rappers nice These other  
rappers bark, some of 'em  
even bite But I'm much more  
bright, I give the game  
sight So before you dim the  
light, you just might,  
might wanna





# FOXY BROWN

## AFFIRMATIVE ACTION IT WAS WRITTEN

In the black Camaro, Firm deep All my  
niggas hail the blackest sparrow  
Wallabees be the apparel Through the  
darkest tunnel got visions of multi  
millions in the biggest bundle In a  
Lex pushed by my nigga Jungle E-  
Moneybags got Most Chandon, bundle of  
62 They ain't got a clue what we  
about te de My whole team we shittin'  
hard like Czar Sosa, Foxy Brown,  
Cormega and Escobar I keep a phat  
marquess piece, laced in all the  
illest anake skin Armani sweaters,  
Carolina Herrera Be The Firm, baby!  
From BK to the 'Bridge, my nigga Wir  
Operation Firm Biz, so what the deal  
is? I keep a phat jew-el, sippin'  
Cristy Sittin' on top of fifty grand  
in the Nautico Van, uh We stay  
Incognt like all them thug.n agniggas  
in Mary The gods they praise Allah  
with visions of of Gandhi Bet it on,  
my whole crew is Don Juan On Cayman  
Island with a case of Cristal And  
Babe Shallah spoke, nigga with them  
Cubans that snort cake Raw though, an  
ounce mixed with teak, that's pure  
though Flippin' the bigger picture  
The bigger nigga with the cheddar was  
mad drippar He had a fuckin' villa in  
Manilla We gotta flee to Panama But  
wait It's half and half, ki's is one  
and two fifth, so how we flip? 22  
grams araw, chop it in half get 16,  
double it, simas 3 We got 411, which  
mean a whole.lot.of.C.R.EA.M Divide  
the prefit by 4 subtract in By A.  
w.back.to.28 Now add the other 2 that  
Mega bringin' through So-lecx.sen, if  
we flip this other ki, then that's  
more for me Mad coke and mad leak as  
a 500, cut in half is 250 Now triple  
that times 2, we got three quarters  
of another ki





# NICKI

## BEAM ME UP SCOTTY SEEING GREEN 2009

Ayo, I am the star in any room that  
 I stand in I am the standout, you  
 just my stand-in These bitches copy  
 my homework, that's what they hand  
 in That's why I'm private like the  
 airports I land in Life is a beach  
 house, don't let the sand in I ball  
 in any arena, go let the fans in I  
 should go cop a new jersey, that's  
 word to Camden These bitches' time  
 tick-tockin', better stick to  
 dancin' I D&G the wallet, my money  
 tall and brolic Big-ass backyards,  
 just so Papa Bear could frolic One  
 Margarita pizza with Parmesan and  
 garlic These bitches thirsty, I can  
 see why they alcoholics Ain't gotta  
 ever talk about it when you are  
 about it Just bought a new car, not  
 to drive it, but to walk around it  
 Just call me Nicki, cock the blicky,  
 the Minaj is silent Brand new  
 vanilla Maserati, I been Häagen-  
 Dazsin' He call me solid even though  
 I'm drippin', water diet Big booty  
 stickin' out, my Daisy Dukes'll  
 cause a riot These bitches still my  
 sons, who could ever deny it? My  
 packs hit different, who could ever  
 supply it? No one bitch could be my  
 opp, that shit offends me It's  
 corporate giants and machines that  
 went against me I wash bitches, man,  
 they couldn't even rinse me She said  
 she hot, I said, "Well, bitch, come  
 and convince me" Ain't no C in  
 green, but I'm seein' green Even  
 with them floor seats, they couldn't  
 see the team The K-I-N-G, the  
 G.O.A.T., plus me, the Queen

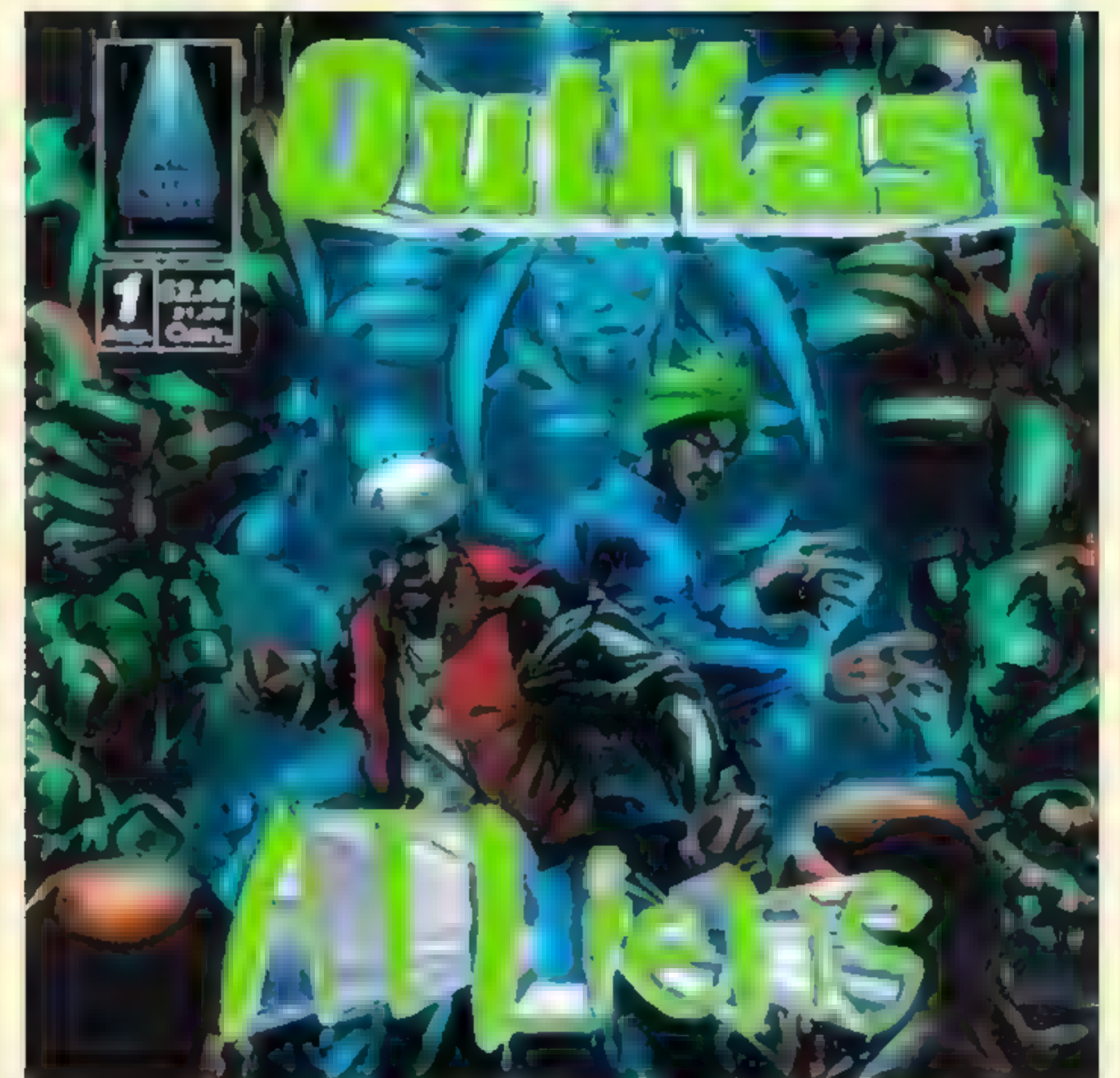




# OutKast

## ELEVATORS ATLIENS 1996

One for the money, yes sir, two  
for the show A couple of years  
ago on Headland and Delowe Was  
the start of something good  
Where me and my nigga rode the  
Marta, through the hood Just  
tryna find that hook up, now  
everyday we looked up at the  
ceiling Watching ceiling fans go  
'round, tryna catch that feeling  
Off instrumentals, had my pencil  
and plus my paper We caught the  
86 Lithonia headed to Decatur  
Writing rhymes, tryna find our  
spot off in that light Light off  
in that spot, knowing that we  
could rock Doing the hole in the  
wall clubs, this shit here must  
stop, like "Freeze!" We making  
the crowd move, but we not  
making no G's, and that's a no-  
no Check it, a one-two, a one-  
two dope niggas in the Cadillac  
They call us, went from Player's  
Ball to ballers Putting the  
South up on the map was like  
Little Rack to banging Niggas  
say mothafuck that playing, they  
paying, we staying laying vocals  
Locales done made it with them  
big boys up in this industry  
"Outkast, yeah, them niggas,  
they making big noise" Over a  
million sold to this day, niggas  
they take it lightly '96 gon' be  
that year that all y'all playa  
haters can bite me, I'm out this  
bitch





# Nas

## THE CURE KING'S DISEASE

Cuban link QB chain belong in the  
MOMA So boomerang, you salute my 27  
summers Rolls-Royce Brigade just  
'cause it go with the moment Pac's  
on the chain, got his medallion, I  
won't Insinuate imitation 'cause I  
copied his stomach Kings honor  
kings, straight from my pops to my  
son's shit Steak tartare bloody,  
mercury levels from raw fish Sushi  
for lunch, waiter at the table, the  
cork twist I'm studied like a book  
by many They give me looks of envy,  
I took the Bentley White chick like  
Liz Taylor might get the Bentayga  
On my Rick James behavior Life is  
school for the soul and I'm in life  
seven already Life's simple but  
heavy, incomprehensible shit  
Everything from sexy to deadly, I  
done been through that shit Still  
goin' deeper like I grew a new inch  
on my dick We looked at robbin' as  
a way of resolving our problems My  
moms cooked food, but some of my  
niggas was starving And whatever  
they was down to do, I was with 'em  
regardless Turns out I was hungry  
and was hittin' the hardest The  
scissor was sharper, my predictions  
was on it No fortune teller, just  
going off regular signs Niggas  
often tell you they moves Without a  
word, just reading they mind Wasn't  
needin' no nine Corner executive  
born in ghetto hell Where metal  
yell especially over necklaces Life  
lessons is karma

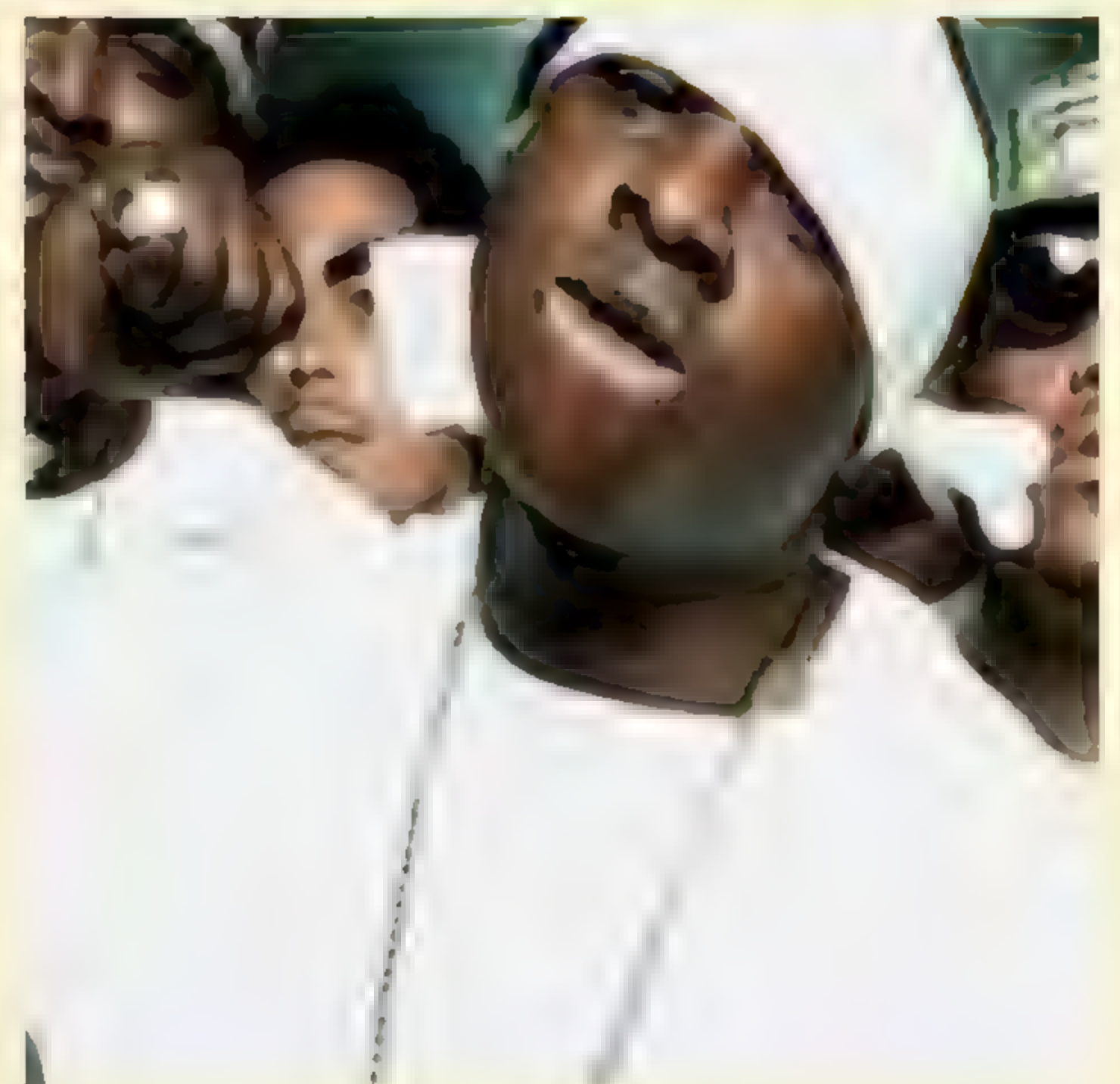




# JADA & STYLES P

## WE GONE MAKE IT KISS THE GAME GOODBYE

Fuck the frail shit, uh,  
'cause when my coke come in  
They gotta use the scale that  
they weigh the whales with  
Carlssons on the Jeep, Bugatti  
made the prototype Hoped you'd  
get the picture but you just  
can't photo life Determined  
niggas make it Kicking down  
the door and we burning niggas  
naked The house costs a  
million, sitting on the beach  
And the only thing I know, if  
it's furnished, I'ma take it  
My bathtub lift up, my walls  
do a 360 We got the shit that  
the government got Talking  
money then you rubbing the  
spot Real niggas say that they  
be wilding We on the Cayman  
Islands on a yacht with our  
favorite albums A bad ho and a  
plate of salmon, smoking and  
drinking Nigga, is you  
thinking that our fate is  
violent? I love my nigga for  
the fact that he real And  
nobody on the faculty squeal  
And if you facing capital pun,  
pass me a gun And I'ma give  
you time to run while I  
rapidly peel, uh





# JAY-Z

## D'EVILS

### REASONABLE DOUBT

We used to fight for  
building blocks Now we fight  
for blocks with buildings  
that make a killin' The  
closest of friends when we  
first started But grew apart  
as the money grew and soon  
grew black-hearted Thinkin'  
back when we first learned  
to use rubbers He never  
learned, so in turn I'm  
kidnappin' his baby's mother  
My hand around her collar,  
feedin' her cheese She said  
the taste of dollars was  
shitty, so I fed her fifties  
About his whereabouts I  
wasn't convinced I kept  
feedin' her money 'til her  
shit started to make sense  
Who could ever foresee? We  
used to stay up all night at  
slumber parties Now I'm  
tryna rock his bitch to  
sleep All the years we were  
real close Now I see his  
fears through her tears Know  
she's wishin' we were still  
close Don't cry, it is to be  
In time I'll take away your  
miseries and make it mine  
D'evils





# Common

## WISE UP

### THE AUDITORIUM VOL. 1

Three wise men came to  
visit where I've been They  
brought gifts with the  
southside blend One had  
Hennessy-the other, a book  
of street ministry The  
third gave a mirror and  
told me to remember THE  
Assemblies of similes and  
metaphor TE Analogies  
that's analog R The  
reservoirs come from,  
niggas got the dog in 'em  
(Woof) They become gods, no  
longer wit' hog in 'em  
(Hub) I saw venom in the  
eyes of a snake The Solomon  
for common men, I wise up  
the place Like a prize in a  
race, that boy hold the  
metal By the scars on his  
face, I could tell he know  
the ghetto (Huh) Where we  
both tryna get to, it ain't  
coincidental His is on the  
streets, mines is over  
instrumentals The Lord sent  
my mental to be more than  
sentimental The ventricles  
that I vent through are  
temples of what I been  
through





# EMINEM

## RABBIT RUN

### 8 MILE SOUNDTRACK

Some days I just wanna up and  
call it quits, I feel like i'm  
surrounded by a wall of bricks,  
Everytime I go to get up I just  
fall in pits, FRO My life's like  
one glf I could just put it all  
in to all I spit, Instead I  
always try to swallow it,  
Instead of staring at this wall  
and shit, While I sit writers  
block sick of all this shit,  
Can't call it shit, all I know  
is I'm about to hit the wall, If  
I have to see another one of  
mom's alcoholic fitsreat big  
ball of shit This is it, last  
straw, thats all, thats it, I  
ain't dealing with another  
fucking politic, I'm like a  
skillet bubbling, till it  
filters up, I'm about to kill  
it, I can feel it building up,  
Blow this building up, I've  
concealed enough, My cup run'ith  
over I've done and filled it up,  
The pen explodes and busts and  
ink spills my guts, You think  
all I do is stand here and feel  
my nuts, But I'm a show you,  
what, you gonna feel my rush,  
You dont feel it then it must be  
to real to touch, Peel a dutch,  
I'm about to tear shit up,  
Goosebumps, yeah I'm a make your  
hair sit up, Yeah sit up, I'm a  
tell you who I be, I'm a make  
you hate me cause you ain't me,





# BIG SEAN

## DETROIT VS EVERYBODY

### SHADY XV COMPILATION NOVER

Boy I need no halves and halves, I want the game in entirety 100 percent cut, no stitches required Welcome to Detroit where if you get that promotion Don't worry, man them bullets will still be at your ass firin' I still call it safe, I would suck if I was umpirin Boy I hit the beat I just treat that shit like a diary I'm offended if you hear my new shit and you ain't rewindin' me Seif matie, I never needed your bail or a wire, see I'm never callin' collect, I call to collect My homie wanted a Chevy so I put my dog in the vet Plus I'm so loyal that that paper, boy, is all that I fetch If the ball in my hand then the ball in the net Bitch I'm the D, can't no offense dunk on me I'm Mr. Big Shot, these hoes get drunk off me overrespected, my mama gated community's overprotected I'm So futuristic, I'm already over my next bitch Reminisce on listenin' to 50 fifty times a day Back when tenth grade was like fifty days away Tryna get paid fifty ways a day Used to put fifty on the layaway, now my closet fifty shades of grey Twenty six and I done lived a lifetime a few times From futons to Grey Poupons In church tryna get a little savings, yeah coupons I spit that Al every day, I'm hittin' new primes HT/Now the stakes high, niggas surprised at the new lines takin down r my number like "you still ain't got a new line?" SORY Nah it's the same, we've been laborin' for years CONTENT I know it took way longer than nine months, but fuck it, it's all in due time turned a blunt to a roach with dreams of bein' a Beatle though I Don't want to, I need to, gotta learn to keep it cerebral





# RAEKWON

## ONLY BUILT 4 CUBAN LINX INCARCERATED SCARFACES

Chef'll shine like marble, rhyme  
remarkable Real niggas raise up,  
spend your money, argue But this  
time is for the uninvited Go 'head  
and rhyme to it, bitch nigga, mics  
is getting fired More fiends, chicks  
be burning like chlorine Niggas  
recognize from here to Baltimore to  
Fort Greene But hold up, Moët be  
tasting like throw-up My mob roll  
up, dripped to death, whips rolled  
up You never had no wins, sliding in  
these dens With Timbs, with MAC-10's  
and broke friends You got guns? Got  
guns too, what up, son? Do you wanna  
battle for cash and see who sons  
who? I'll probably wax tracks, smack  
rap niggas, you, facts Niggas'  
lyrics are wack, nigga Can't stand  
unofficial, wet tissue, blank  
busting Scud missiles You rolling  
like Trump, you get your meat lumped  
For real, it's just slang rap  
democracy Here's the policy, slide  
off the ring, plus the Wallabees  
Check the status, soon to see me at,  
Caesar's Palace eating salads We  
beating mics sending keys to Dallas  
move rhymes like retail, make sure  
shit sell From where we at to my  
man's cell I From staircase to  
stage, minimum wage But soon to get  
a article in Rap Page But all I need  
is my house, my gat, my Ac' Bank  
account fat, it's going down like  
that And pardon the French, but let  
me speak Italian Black stallions  
wildling on Shaolin That means the  
island of Staten And niggas carry  
gats and mad police from Manhattan





# GHOSTFACE

## IMPOSSIBLE WUTANG FOREVER

Call an ambulance, Jamie been shot,  
word to Kimmy Don't go, son, nigga,  
you my motherfucking heart Stay still,  
son, don't move, just think about  
Keeba She'll be three in January, your  
young God needs ya The ambulance is  
takin' too long Everybody get the fuck  
back, excuse me, bitch, give me your  
jack J-TANG1-7-1-8, 9-1-1, low  
battery, damn Blood comin' out his  
mouth, he bleedin' badly Nahhh, Jamie,  
don't start that shit Keep your head  
up, if you escape hell, we gettin'  
fucked up When we was eight, we went  
to Bat Day to see the Yanks In '69,  
his father and mines, they robbed  
banks He pointed to the charm on his  
neck With his last bit of energy left,  
told me rock it with respect I opened  
it, seen the God holdin' his kids  
Photogenic, tears just burst out my  
wis Tapaht. bere comed Plus he dropped  
one Old Earth with no shoes on  
Screamin', holdin' her breasts with a  
gown on She fell and then lightly  
touched his jaw, kissed him Rubbed his  
hair, turned This hair, turned around,  
the ambulance was there Plus the blue  
coats, Officer Lough, took it as a  
joke Weeks ago he strip-searched the  
God and gave him back his coke Bitches  
yellin', Beenie Man swung on Helen In  
the back of a cop car, Dirty Tasha  
tellin' But suddenly, a chill came  
through, it was weird Felt like my man  
was cast out my heaven, now we share  
Laid on the stretcher, blood on his  
Wallies like ketchup.com Deep like the  
Paul assassination with a sketch of it  
It can't be, from Yoo-hoo to Leo's  
Second grade, humped the teachers,  
about to leave Finally, this closed  
chapter comes to an end He was  
announced, pronounced dead, y'all, at  
12:10





# LIL KIM

## QUEEN BI@\$&H HARDCORE

if peter piper pecked em, I  
 betcha biggie bust em He  
 probably tried to fu\$& him, I  
 told him not to trust him  
 Lyrically, I dust em, off like  
 Pledge Hit hard like sledge-  
 hammers, bi&&@ with that  
 platinum grammer I am a diamond  
 cluster hustler Queen bit&@,  
 supreme bi&@ Kill a nig@& for  
 my nig&@ by any means bit\$&  
 Murder scene bi\$& Clean bi&@,  
 disease free bi\$& Check it, I  
 write a rhyme, melt in your  
 mouth like M&M's Roll with the  
 M.A.F.I.A. remember them? Tell  
 em when I used to mess with  
 gentlemen Straight up apostles,  
 now strictly nig\$& that jostle  
 Kill a ni\$& for the figure, how  
 you figure? Your cheddar would  
 be better, Beretta inside of  
 Beretta Nobody do it better Bet  
 I wet cha like hurricanes and  
 typhoons Got buffoons eatin my  
 pu\$&& while I watch cartoons  
 Sleep 'til noon, this rap Pam  
 Grier's here Baby drinkers  
 beware, mostly Dolce wear Frank  
 kill nig\$& lives for one point  
 five While you struggle and  
 strive we pick which Benz to  
 drive The M.A.F.I.A. you wanna  
 be emLBUM Most of y'all nig&&  
 can't eat without per diem I'm  
 rich, I'ma stay that b\$&@





# J COLE

## A PLATE OF COLLARD GREENS MIGHT DELETE LATER

The reign is obsolete Jermaine is  
out, the beast celebrated Paraded out  
in the streets for days, if not for  
weeks For bringing us out the  
bleakest, burning pit

My words is slick, when it's my turn  
to kick Lapply pressure like I'm  
trained to stop a leak How vain is my  
belief? To say that I could be the  
greatest y'all done seen Vith my  
cadence proper, from days I laid  
across the street rom these Caucasian  
neighbors, new kids I stayed around  
green and not as mean as my homies  
that played on project swings What  
fate has not foreseen prain stained,  
engrained with the stories of slain  
bodies from heinous robberies And  
rated R regimes, exchanging raw for  
cream I 'em and went left, they pull  
up shootin' like Tatum off a screen e  
bills is due, as kids we knew the way  
the calls would ring mom ain't paid  
'em off, we trained to watch the

names across the screen d let  
collections pass just like we failed  
to make an offering otta channel  
thoughts, cause damn, the cable off,  
it seems Deep down, I hated

Halloween, with all that I have seen  
Who needs another way to cause a  
scream? angerous as the king of pop,  
how well they spin your block No  
moves, minimal, smooth criminals The  
whole gang doin' insane amount of  
lean ain't prescribed 'cause there's  
no doc' for pain they harboring me  
pray to God, but it's odd, 'cause

Satan's catered all their dreams  
Spiritually malnourished, dehydrated  
Now they feign for truth in these  
flows Food for they souls, to make it  
all serene, uh Well, here's a plate  
of collard greens (Uh) Yeah





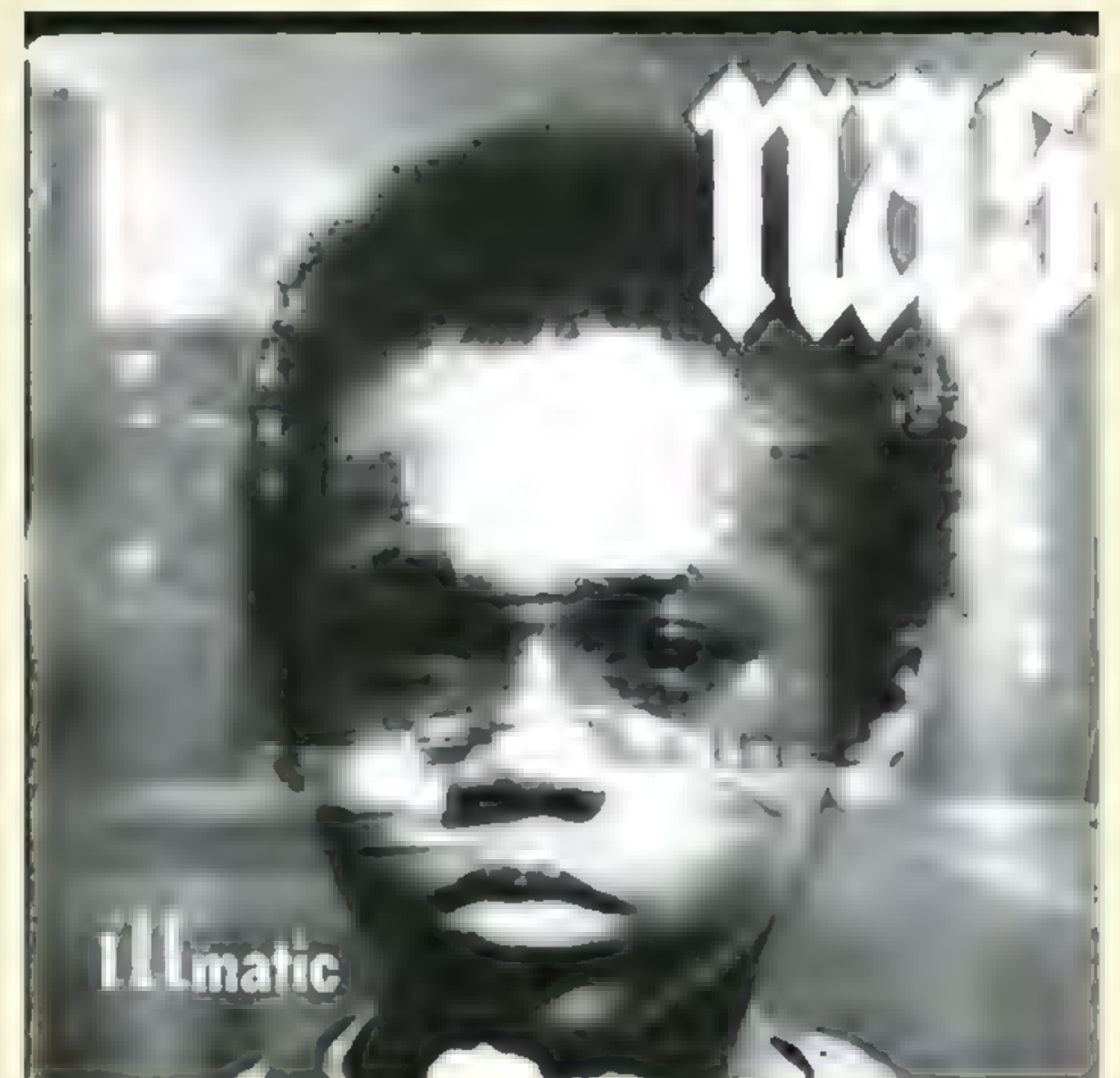
# NAS

## STAR WARS

### ILLMATIC 10 YEAR ANNIVESARY

Caviar never, I rather the  
Cajun blackened Catfish, no  
snails, simple to please Met a  
bad dimples in her cheeks She  
remembers Busy be battles when  
it was peace Caught myself  
driftin' in thought, 'cause  
now it's different I thought -

Was raised off the shit I  
record Like I was brought up  
off that Planet Rock Kurtis  
Blow, James Todd Smith,  
Shannon Scott, LaRock in the  
jams Why would they with a  
don? Jehovah witness Him and  
his co-defendants, I eat 'em  
like Lucky Charms With two  
percent low fat milk, five  
percent pro black built It's  
nothin' mother had a- I don't  
think about it-talkin' there's  
a lot of gossip That I'm a  
prophet or I can't go back to  
my projects Can I? Does a  
plant grow from a pot, yes Do  
trees grow from a forest MC's,  
y'all are clitoris Y'all-roll  
with any click that's winnin'  
any crew Doin' whatever's  
trendy, even they leave me too  
Ain't enough room in this town  
What is beef between ghetto  
word spitters with crowns,  
Star Wars "Nas"





# STOVE GOD COOKS

JOSE CANSECO

FLY GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD 2

In a Tesla swervin' Talkin' to my man, he said the last batch that came in was worthless. I told him, nah, when it cook like that is just a bit of a burden just drop the price a couple points and keep servin' Red velvet Louis jacket, I'm Ron Burgundy. See the heat comin' off the hundreds, the money burnin' These labels still jerkin' I heard your deal came with a hundred thousand and some Jergens These fake boss niggas is really workers I follow the bricks, I seen the wizard behind the curtain. They talk big 'till we catch 'em in person. They talk big 'till we shoot they Suburban. Me and Emeril Lagasse should be the next Verzuz. Two stoves side by side, I bet I work him I turned my granddaddy church parkin' lot into Church's Chicken. Take the braids out let the hair hang like Mr. Perfect's shit. They owe some streaming money, but i ain't hurtin' I told my young nigga how much, he said, I woulda murked 'em. Big homie fresh home drinkin' coffee out the Keurig. A 144 months ain't break his spirit. He jumped back in, I told him it's different, I tried to prepare him. He good, he a old, brave nigga, he Hank Aaron Forgiatos on the McLaren. Young, rich, and arrogant, is you hearin' this. Over the stove, bangin' Pray for Paris. I think the UFOS dropped the top blocks on the pyramids. There's a method to the madness, everything is mapped. You know you kill the foundation, everything collapse. Everything is stamped, everything is wrapped if the feds ask you 'bout me, tell 'em everything is cap





# LL COOL J

## I SHOT YA REMIX

### MR. SMITH

What the fuck? I thought I  
conquered the world Crushed  
Moe Dee (Uh), Hammer and Ice-  
T's girls But still, niggas  
want to instigate shit I'll  
battle any nigga in the rap  
game quick Name the spot, I  
make it hot for you bitches  
Female rappers too, I don't  
give a fuck, boo Word, I'm  
here to crush all my peers  
Rhymes of the month in The  
Source for twenty years iggas  
scared, I'm detrimental to  
your mental state I use my  
presidential Rolex to be the  
bait liggas fight, Glock  
cocked, ya temple gets fucked  
MCs that fuck with LL, they  
gets bucked That's real,  
what's up with that "I Shot  
Ya" deal? Light shit, niggas  
slip, now, how the bullet  
feel? New York appeal, in  
L.A., they gangbang But if you  
touch a mic, your motherfuckin  
ass hang That's facts, niggas  
don't receive no type of slack  
'Cause if they do (Uh), they  
ass is always runnin' back  
(Yeah) Not this time, but next  
time, I'ma name names L.L.,  
shitting from on top of the  
game I shot ya!





# T.I.

## SWAGGER LIKE US PAPER TRAIL

You can go see Weezy for the  
wordplay, Jeezy for the  
birdplay Kanyezy for  
diversity and me for  
controversy I'll my verses  
picture perfect, only  
spittin' certain purpose If  
you ain't living what you  
kickin' then you worthless  
Lookin' from the surface it  
may seem like I got reason to  
be nervous hen observe my  
work and see that my  
adversity was worth it Verses  
autobiographical, absolutely  
classical Last thing I'm  
worried about is what another  
rapper do Ain't nobody hot as  
me even if they rap they ass  
off Blast off and have  
outstandin' quality Sell a  
lotta records, I respected  
and salute that But spittin'  
real life on hot beats, I'm  
the truth at You kick it like  
me, no exaggeration necessary  
Livin' revolutionary, nothin'  
less than legendary Gangsta  
shit hereditary, got it from  
my dad Flow colder than  
February with extraordinary  
swag





# NAS

## MICHAEL AND QUINCY KING'S DISEASE III

I'm activated, my hair might  
spark flames Aviator frames,  
bandages, laminates, a stage  
From a stretcher, I wave  
Even if I never had two arms  
full of Grammys Or a sponsor  
from Pepsi, I'd still be  
honorary Like Quincy on the  
trumpet, Hit-Boy on a drum  
kit Nasty like Mike on the  
vocals. I overdub it  
(Shamone) Bouncin' off the  
wall, always startin'  
somethin' Behind the scenes  
of the "Thriller" video, big  
budgets (Big budgets)  
Moonwalkin', smooth criminal  
talkin' (Smooth talkin') I'm  
changin' colors right now  
'til I'm dark- skinned ('Til  
I'm dark-skinned) Adam  
Clayton Powell, complexion  
of Baldwin's Annie, are you  
okay watchin' me  
transformin'? (Shamone)  
Pinky ring glitter like the  
socks and the glove Know  
some money-gettin' thugs  
that could buy The Beatles  
pub That's what I really  
call coppin' white, re-in'  
up (Re-in' up)





# J COLE

## SIMBA THE COME UP

Straight out The Ville  
and I made it, Like a  
villian I'm hated I see'em  
gillin, I ate it though  
Fien'n to blow inflatable,  
That's undebatable (ugh)  
I'm givin niggas food for  
thought, the flow is cater  
yo I'm never faded though,  
Haters wanna see me broke,  
but me and the doe related  
hoe! It's like my only  
son, where I go, he come!  
niggas dumb to be braggin  
bout that stupid shit Nah  
I don't stunt on niggas, I  
show'em how to do this  
shit JCOLE I'm somethin  
like the light-skin  
version of the same baby  
that The Virgin Mary  
raised That's word to e  
nigga life a scary game  
but I'm playin You sucka  
nigga lie in everything  
that ya sayin Shame on  
ya'll, you tryna ball with  
the game on pause Ay nigga  
pull the thing on ya'll,  
ya'll stain ya'll draws



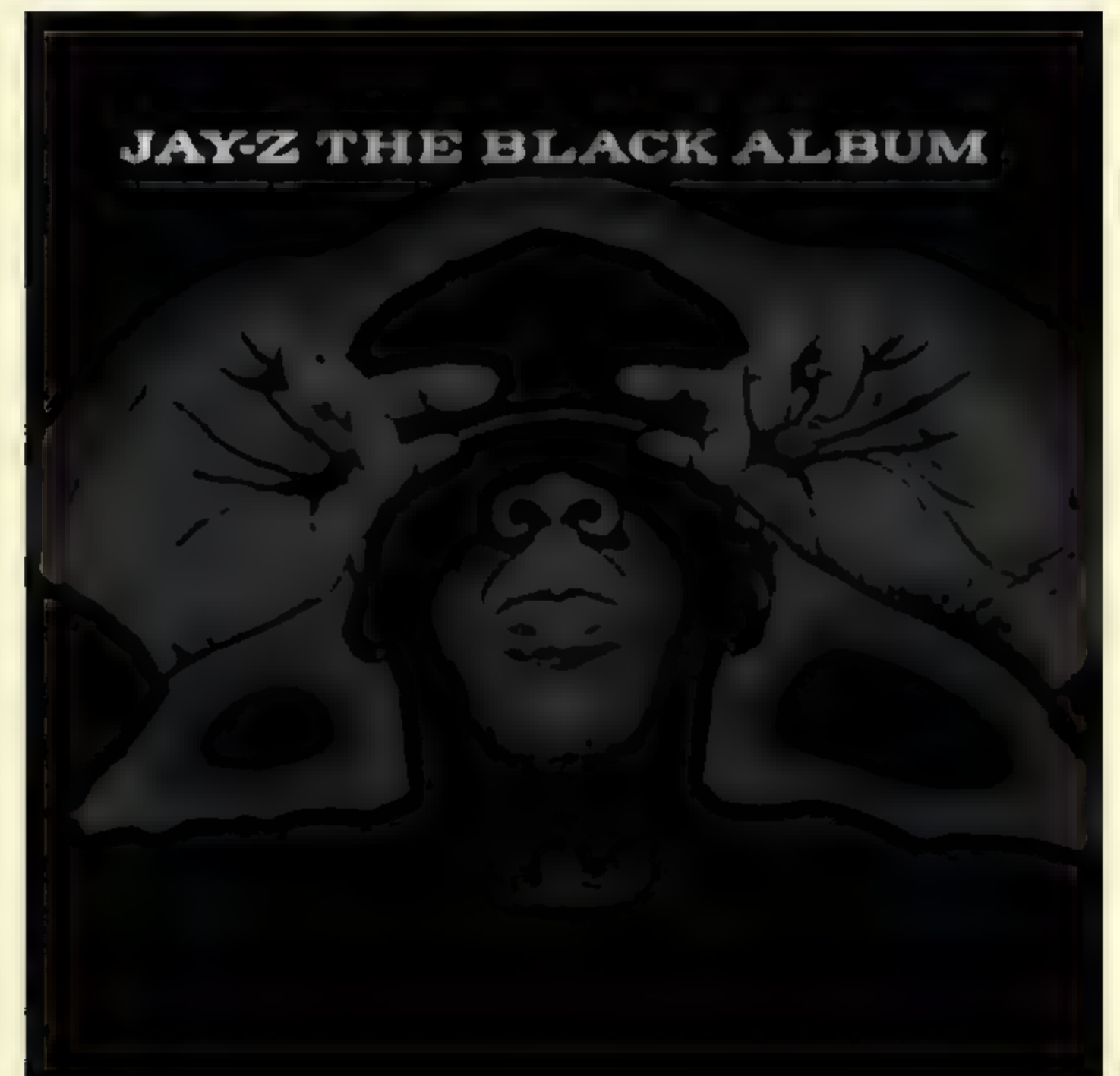


# Jay Z

## THREATS

### The BLACK ALBUM

Grown man, I put hands on  
you I dig a hole in the  
desert, then build the  
Sands on you Lay out  
blueprint plans on you We  
Rat Pack niggas, let Sam  
tap dance on you Then I  
Sinatra, shot ya, goddamn  
you I put the boy in the  
box like David Blaine Let  
the audience watch, it  
ain't a thang Y'all wish I  
was frontin', I George Bush  
the button For the oil in  
your car, lift up your  
hood, nigga run it Then  
lift up your whole hood  
like you got oil under it  
Your boy got the goods,  
y'all don't want nothin' of  
it Like, castor oil, I'll  
Castor Troy you Change your  
face or the bullets change  
all that for you Y'all  
niggas is targets, y'all  
garages for bullets Please  
don't make me park it in  
your upper level Valet a  
couple strays from the .38  
special, nigga, God bless  
you





# CAPPADONNA

## WINTER WARZ IRON MAN

You heard other raps before but  
kept waiting For the Son of Song, I  
keep dancehalls strong Beats never  
worthy of my cause, I prolong  
Extravaganza, time sits still No  
propaganda, be wary of the skill  
Dedicated to rap nigga, beware of  
the fearsome Lebanon Don, Malcolm X  
beat threat Put your bifocal on,  
watch me a-cometh Into your chamber  
like Freddy enter dream Four course  
applause, like a black dat to dat  
You're stuck on stupid like I'm  
stuck on the map Nowhere to go  
except next show bro Entertaining  
motherfuckers can't stop 0 In  
battling, you don't want me to  
start tattling All up on the stage  
'cause y'all snakes keep rattling  
Can't get a nigga like Don dime a  
dozen Even if I'm smoked out I  
can't be scoped out I'm too ill. I  
represent Park Hill See my face on  
the twenty dollar bill Cash it in,  
and get ten dollars back The fat LP  
with Cappachino on the wax Pass it  
in your thing, put valve up to  
twelve Put all the other LPs back  
on the shelf As I bring forth the  
music, make love to your eardrum CD  
massacre, murder to cassette I blow  
the shop up, you ain't seen nothing  
yet One man ran, tryna get away  
from it Discombumbrate your  
technique and your scheme Bitch,  
you ain't got nothing on the rich  
Every other day my whole dress code  
switch So just in case you wanna  
clock me like Sherry RA Ally'all  
crab bitches ain't got to worryONNA  
And smoke a blunt and dial 9-1-7





# CANIBUS

## DESPERADOS

### THE FIRM ALBUM

At a thousand-degrees Celsius, I make  
MC's melt  
FUCK my record label, I appear  
courtesy of myself  
Let me explain how I maintain  
thresholds to pain  
I walk across the Sun barefoot,  
lookin' for shade  
I rearrange your rib-cage like a 12-  
gauge at close range  
And change the position of your brain  
My hard raps penetrate through your  
hardhats  
And all that, nigga! Get ya wig  
peeled back  
I scalp you like the Indians on  
horseback  
Running Bull will hit you harder than  
running back  
Stunnin' man with brave and cunnin'  
raps  
Swiftly runnin' laps around 48 tracks  
Like uncut crack, you fiends keep  
comin' back  
Heads is flippin' like acrobats on  
gym mats  
From wax to analogue tapes to digital  
DATs, it's critical, black  
The Canibus is ill like that! In  
fact, perhaps you should quit rap  
Instead of always tryna diss back  
If niggas keep tellin' you that your  
shit's wack  
I rip raps, hardcore raps wrestle you  
to the floor mat  
Put you in the figure-four, break  
your thorax  
Jump off the top turnbuckle and land  
on your back  
'Til I hear it snap or crack, or the  
ref says, "Chill, black!"

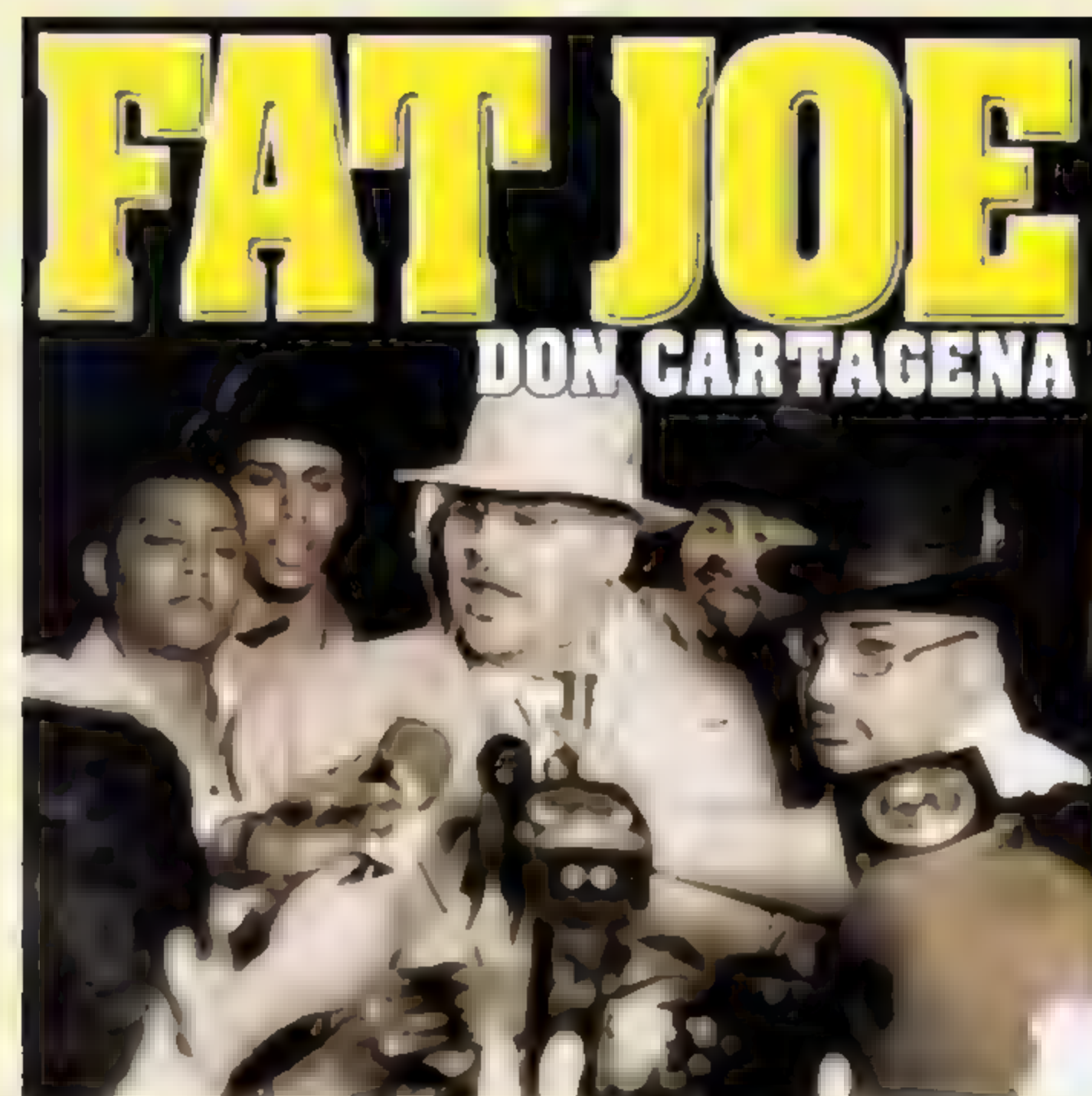




# BIG PUN

JOHN BLAZE  
DON CARTAGENA

My crew puff lye, anyone  
test the Pun must die Just  
give me one try Now you  
know you done f\*\*\*\*\* up  
right Hah, you ain't got no  
wins in mi casa Que te pasa,  
you ain't even in my clasa  
I hate an actor that plays a  
rapper I'm Terror Squad  
beta kappa everybody's  
favorite rapper Grand  
imperial, college material,  
insane criminal The same  
n\*\*\*\*\* who known to blow out  
your brain mineral I reign  
subliminal inside your  
visual Try to supply your  
physical with my spiritual  
side of this lyrical I'll  
appear in your dreams, like  
Freddie do, no kidding you  
Even if I stuttered I would  
still sh- sh-sh-sh\*\* on you  
Soon as I chitter chatter  
your sh\*\*'ll shatter I'm  
the kid out of Bronx,  
that'll stomp you to death  
like it didn't matter I'm  
even better than before,  
iller metaphors Killers bet  
it all on Pun, cause one  
verse, dead em all...





# GHETTO BOYS

## MIND PLAYING TRICKS WE CANT BE STOPPED

This year halloween fell on  
a weekend Me and geto boyz  
are trick-or-treating  
Robbing little kids for  
bags Till an old man got  
behind our ass So we  
speeded up the pace Took a  
look back and he was right  
before our face He'd be in  
for a squab' no doubt So I  
swung and hit the nigga in  
his mouth He was going  
down, we figured But this  
was no ordinary nigga He  
stood about six or seven  
feet Now, that's the nigga  
I'd been seeing in my sleep  
So we triple-teamed on him  
Dropping them motherfuckin  
b's on him The more I swung  
the more blood flew Then he  
disappeared and my boys  
disappeared, too Then I  
felt just like a fiend It  
wasn't even close to  
halloween It was dark as  
fuck on the streets My  
hands were all bloody from  
punching on the concrete  
God damn, homie My mind is  
playing tricks on me





# Album of the year picks



# Coop's Albums of the Year



1  
Please Don't Cry  
Rhapsody



# Coop's Albums of the Year



## 2 Paisley Dreams Game & Big Hit



# Coop's Albums of the Year



3  
You Only Die 1nce  
Freddie Gibbs



# Coop's Albums of the Year



4

More Suede 2.0  
IAMGAWD



# Coop's Albums of the Year



5  
The Force  
LL Cool J



# Coop's Albums of the Year



6  
We Don't Trust You  
Future & Metro Boomin'



# Coop's Albums of the Year



7

#RichAxxHatian  
Mach Hommy



# Coop's Albums of the Year



8  
One Of Wun  
Gunna



# Coop's Albums of the Year



9  
Blue Lips  
Schoolboy Q



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## 10 Alligator Bites Don't Heal Doechii



# Shawns's Albums of the Year



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LL Cool J



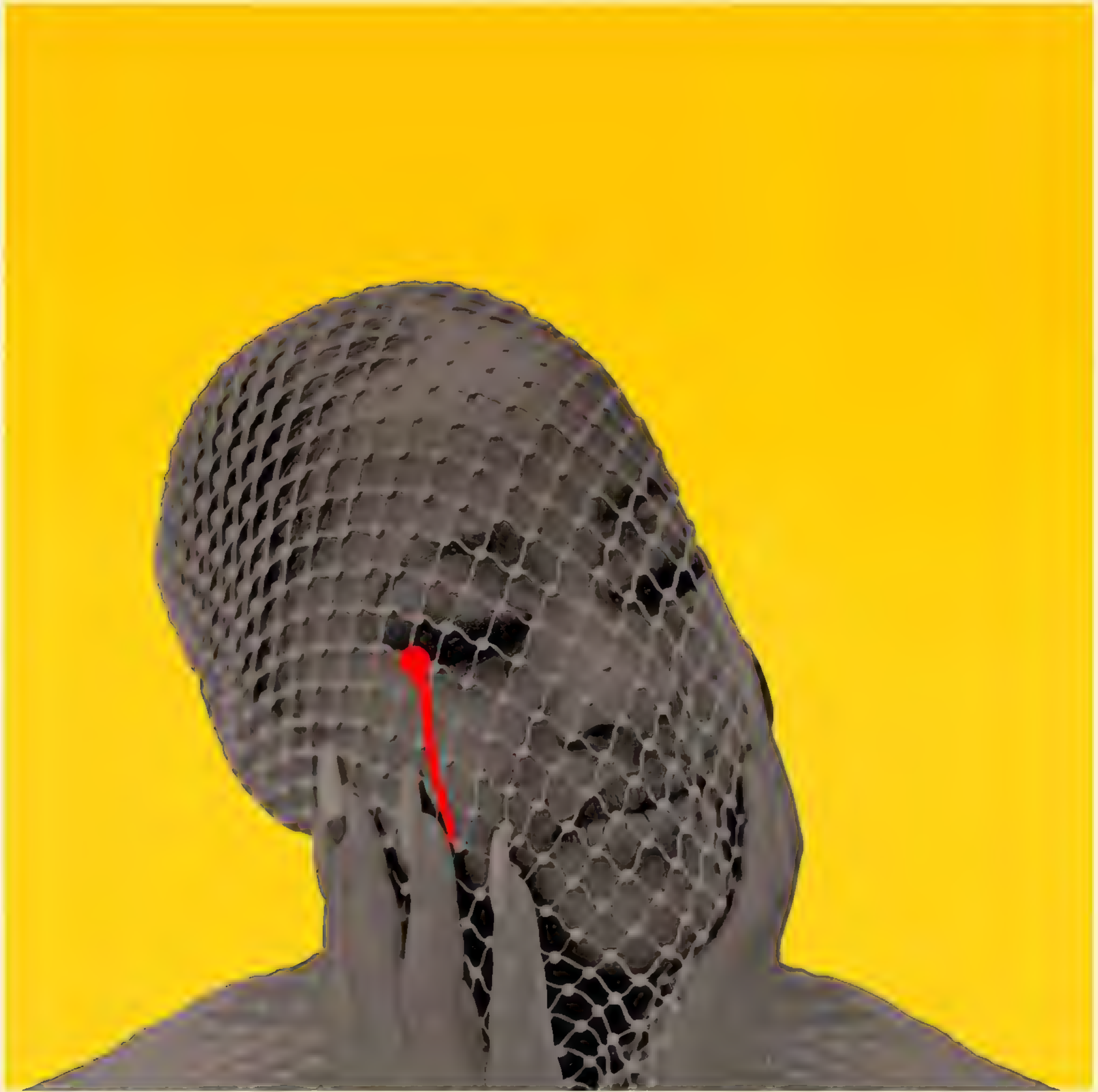
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Everybody can't go  
Benny The Butcher



# Shawns's Albums of the Year



7  
Westside Gunn  
Still Praying



# Shawns's Albums of the Year



## 8 The Death of Slim Shady Eminem



# Shawns's Albums of the Year



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# Shawns's Albums of the Year



10  
You Only Die 1nce  
Freddie Gibbs



# Adriel's Albums of the Year



## 1 You Only Die 1nce Freddie Gibbs



# Adriel's Albums of the Year



2  
Please Don't Cry  
Rhapsody



# Adriel's Albums of the Year



3  
The Force  
LL Cool J



# Adriel's Albums of the Year



4

Common & Pete Rock  
The Auditorium Vol. 1



# Adriel's Albums of the Year



5  
Paisley Dreams  
Game & BigHit



# Adriel's Albums of the Year



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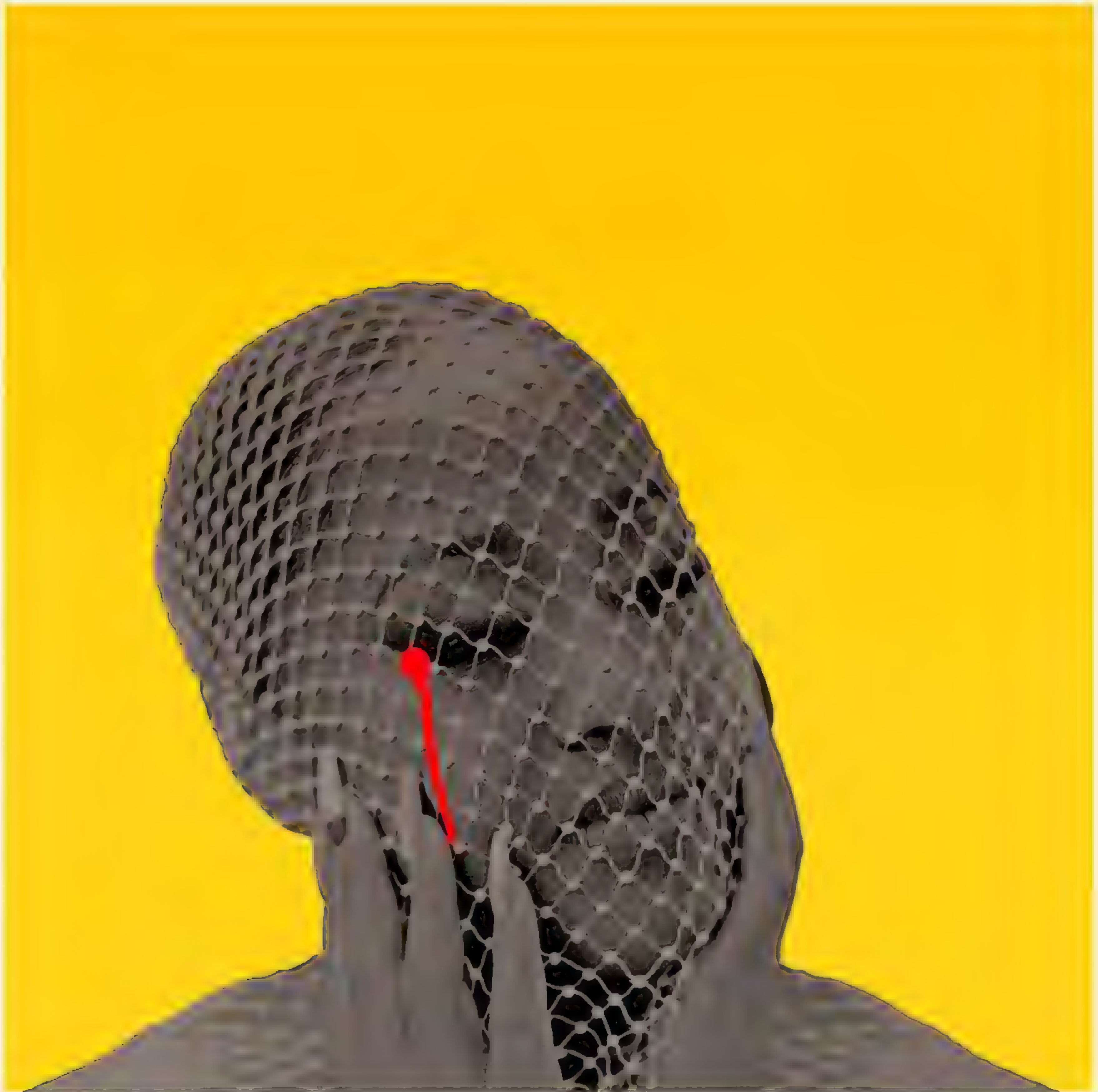
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10  
Big Hit  
Blacks & Whites



# Andrew's Top 7



1  
Please Don't Cry  
Rhapsody



# Andrew's Top 7



2  
The Lotus Child  
Che Noir



# Andrew's Top 7



## 3 You Only Die 1nce Freddie Gibbs



# Andrew's Top 7



4  
BSS2  
IAMGAWD



# Andrew's Top 7



5  
Dark Times  
Vince Staples



# Andrew's Top 7



6  
Samurai  
Lupe Fiasco



# Andrew's Top 7



7  
Blue Lips  
Schoolboy Q



# Special Guests



# Nav Josh

is the Head of A&R at Mass Appeal India , the label founded by legendary rapper Nasir Nas Jones . Under his leadership, Mass Appeal India has become a key player in the Indian hip-hop scene, championing artists like DIVINE and helping to expand the reach of hip-hop culture in the region. The label's focus is on connecting the rapidly growing Indian music scene to a global audience, benefiting from Mass Appeal's international network and Nas' guidance.

Nav is also the founder of HipHopNMore , a major platform dedicated to hip-hop news, culture, and insights. Through this platform, he has become an influential figure in the global hip-hop community, keeping fans informed and engaged with the latest trends. As a member of the Grammy Academy , Nav continues to shape both the present and future of the





# Naji Chill

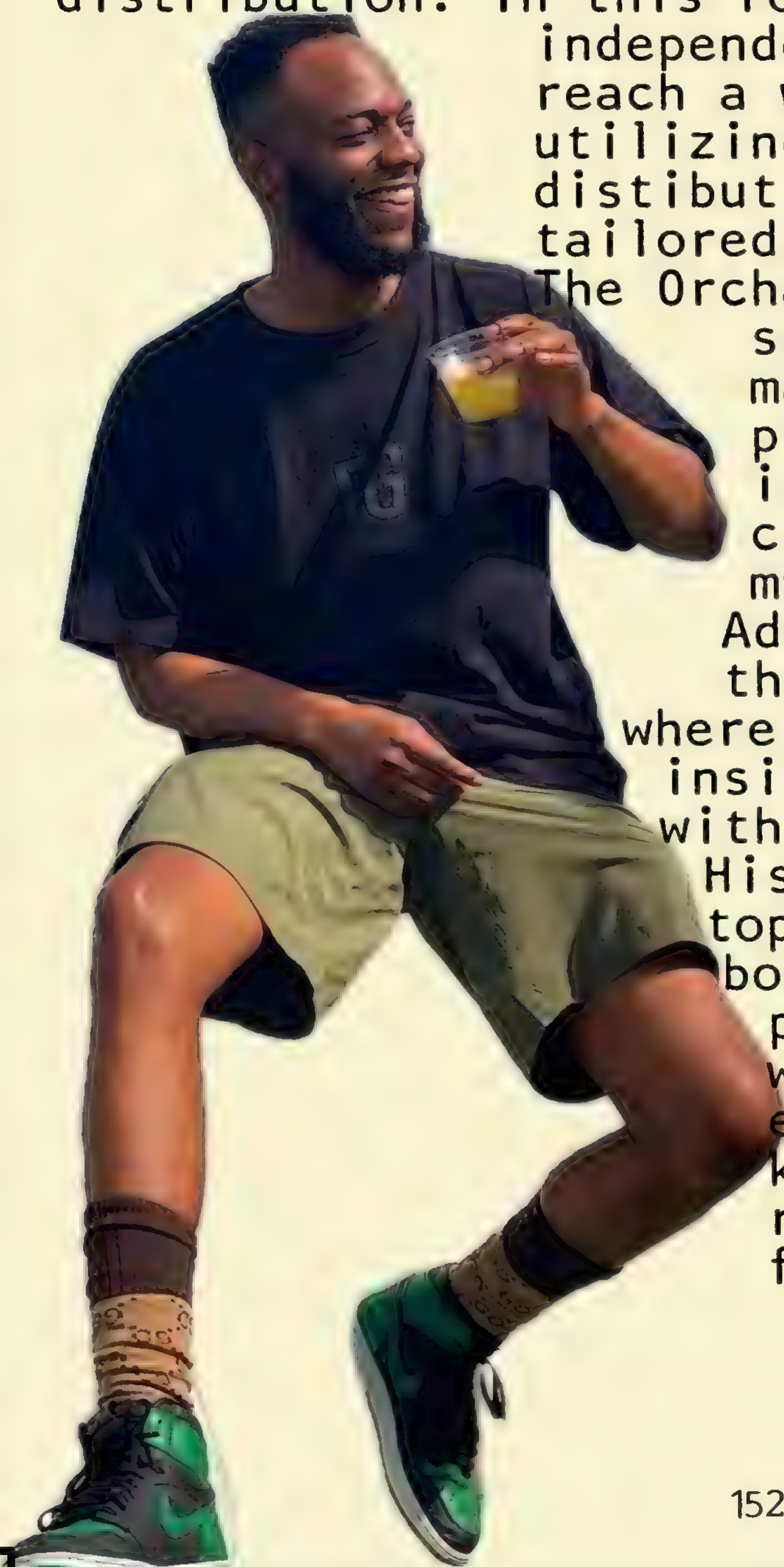
is a multifaceted personality known for his work as a music executive at Sony Music's The Orchard , a global leader in independent music distribution. In this role, Naji helps

independent artists and labels reach a worldwide audience by utilizing The Orchard's robust distribution services and tailored marketing support.

The Orchard's global reach, spanning over 25 markets, allows Naji to play an integral role in empowering content creators across the music industry.

Additionally, Naji is the host of Cigar Talk , where he engages in lively, insightful conversations with a variety of guests.

His show dives into topics ranging from boxing to entertainment, providing listeners with both entertainment and knowledge in a relaxed, enjoyable format.



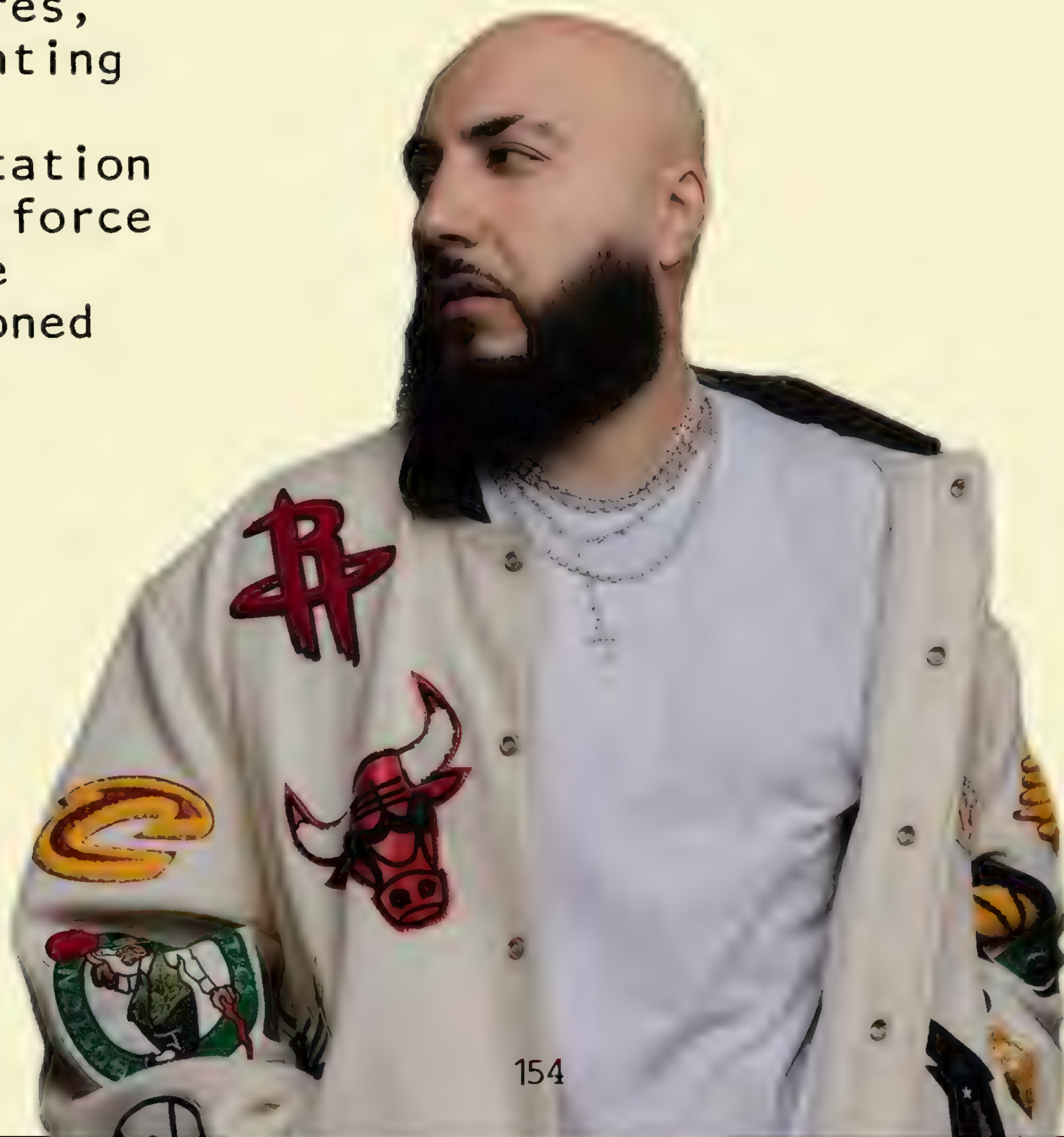


His vibrant personality and knack for connecting with guests make him a standout host in the podcast world. Combining his expertise in music and entertainment, Naji Chillis carving a unique path in both industries.





**R-Mean** is an independent rapper known for his introspective lyricism, relentless work ethic, and strong connection to his fans. With a career built on authenticity and a deep passion for hip-hop, R-Mean has collaborated with some of the industry's most notable figures, cementing his reputation as a force to be reckoned with.





# Career Highlights

Collaboration with Nas : R-Mean has worked alongside the legendary rapper Nas, a partnership that highlights his talent and credibility in the industry. Working with Scott Storch : R-Mean has also teamed up with iconic producer Scott Storch, adding a new dynamic to his music and showcasing his versatility as an artist. Independent Grind: As an artist who has successfully navigated the challenges of the music industry without major label backing, R-Mean continues to inspire with his dedication and perseverance.

## HipHopTalks Appearance

On HipHopTalks : R-Mean opened up about key aspects of his journey: The impact and process of collaborating with Nas. His unwavering motivation and what drives him to keep pushing forward as an independent artist. The profound connection he shares with his fans, whom he credits as a major source of inspiration.



# 2025: The Year of R-Mean

Looking ahead, R-Mean has declared that 2025 will be his year , with major projects and plans in the pipeline that promise to elevate his profile and impact even further. As he continues to build on his legacy, R-Mean remains a standout figure in modern hip-hop, poised for a breakthrough year.





**Lowkey**, widely known as LowkeyUHTN, is a prominent voice in hip-hop culture, celebrated for his deep industry knowledge and influential commentary. As a host and contributor on Apple Music's Rap Life Review , Lowkey provides sharp analysis and insightful discussions about the latest trends, releases, and controversies in rap music. His expertise and unique perspective have earned him a significant following among fans and industry professionals alike.

## Career Highlights

**Rap Life Review:** Lowkey is a key figure on Apple Music's flagship hip-hop program, where he delves into current events in the rap world, offering nuanced takes alongside co-hosts like Ebro Darden.





Every once in a while he joins HipHopTalks As a guest panelist, where Lowkey has shared his insights on the state of hip-hop, its cultural impact, and the business side of the industry, engaging with other experts and fans alike. Influence in Media: Known for his work with the blogosphere through YouHeardThatNew (UHTN), Lowkey helped shape the way hip-hop content is consumed online, serving as a trusted curator of music and commentary. With a

sharp understanding of both the creative and business aspects of hip-hop, LowkeyUHTN continues to be a vital voice in the culture, bridging the gap between artists, fans, and the broader music industry.









# Artist Spotlight: Indica (IndicaSings)

Hailing from California, Indica (also known as IndicaSings) is a rising star in the R&B scene. With a powerful, emotive voice, she's quickly establishing herself as one of the genre's most promising talents. Backed by Double from The Surf Club a collective known for shaping groundbreaking artists Indica blends raw emotion with lush melodies, creating music that resonates deeply with listeners. Tracks like "After Hours," "Distance," and "I H8 U" highlight her ability to connect through heartfelt storytelling and a contemporary sound. Indica's artistry aligns her with top-tier performers like Summer Walker while maintaining a unique edge that sets her apart. As a California native, her style is reflective of both her West Coast roots and a universal appeal, making her a must-watch artist destined for greatness. The future is bright for this songbird as she rises to claim her place in the spotlight.



# Imam Thug

Imam Thug (Anthony Perry), a rapper from Queensbridge, New York, is known for his gritty storytelling and street-inspired lyricism. Rising to prominence in the 1990s, he built a reputation through collaborations with Queensbridge legends like Tragedy Khadafi, Capone-N-Noreaga, and Nas. He became widely recognized for his appearances on The War Report by CNN and his contributions to the Violator\* compilation series.







While underground classics like Die Hard solidified his cult following, Imam Thug officially released his debut album, Immortal Legend , on June 7, 2022. This project , features 15 tracks

blending hard-hitting production with vivid, introspective lyrics. Highlighted by collaborations with Prodigy of Mobb Deep and other influential artists, the album reflects both his street-rooted authenticity and artistic growth. The release of Immortal Legend marked a significant milestone in Imam Thug's career, bridging his contributions to Queensbridge's hip-hop legacy with a modern and impactful full-length project. 2024 has seen the emergence of Imam Thug and we can't wait to see what next he has up his sleeve\*\*Jameel Double James\*\* is a highly respected music executive, manager, and the president of Hit-Boy's Surf Club, a dynamic music collective and production powerhouse. A Grammy-winning force behind some of hip-hop's most celebrated projects, Double has played a pivotal role in the creation of \*Nas' King's Disease\* series, which brought the legendary rapper his first-ever Grammy Award. Known for his sharp ear for talent and unwavering loyalty, Double embodies the true definition of my brother's keeper, offering steadfast support to those in his circle. More than just a leader, Double is recognized as a cornerstone of integrity and authenticity within the music industry. His ability to cultivate trust and foster collaboration has earned him a reputation as one of the most solid figures in the game. With a keen sense of the culture and an unmatched dedication to his craft, Jameel Double James continues to elevate the sound and spirit of hip-hop.



# Haas G

born Hassan Goines, is a rapper best known as a member of the influential hip-hop duo UMCs (Ultimate MCs), active during the early '90s. UMCs, formed with Kenny C, stood out for their smooth, jazz-influenced beats and socially conscious lyrics. Their debut album, "Fruits of Nature" (1991), included the hit "One to Grow On," which became an iconic track of the era. Although UMCs' mainstream success was brief, their influence on hip-hop is lasting, inspiring later acts like A Tribe Called Quest and De La Soul.





After the group's initial run, Haas G remained involved in the music scene, working on various projects. Notably, he collaborated with major artists such as 50 Cent and Lil' Kim, contributing to the hit single Magic Stick in 2003. The song, known for its catchy hook and success on the charts, brought Haas G back into the spotlight, showcasing his continued relevance in the evolving hip-hop scene. While Haas G never reached the same level of fame as during his UMC's days, his work, particularly on Magic Stick, reinforced his place in hip-hop history. His contributions to the genre blending jazzy, smooth beats with thought-provoking lyrics left a lasting mark, and his influence can still be felt in contemporary hip-hop.

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# Steve Sola

also known as The Mix King, is an accomplished music producer and engineer with a significant influence in the hip hop industry. He is most known for his work with legendary artists like Mobb Deep, Nas, and others, contributing to the sound and direction of some of the most iconic projects in hip hop history.





# Early Career & Influence

Steve Sola began his career in the late 1990s and early 2000s, gaining recognition as a highly skilled producer and mix engineer. He worked with several key artists within the hip hop world, helping to shape the sonic landscapes of their albums. His early collaborations included work with Mobb Deep, one of the most respected hip hop groups of the '90s, known for their gritty street narratives and dark,

atmospheric beats.

His expertise in mixing and producing helped elevate the tracks to the next level, solidifying his reputation as a sought-after producer. In

addition to Mobb Deep, Sola's work

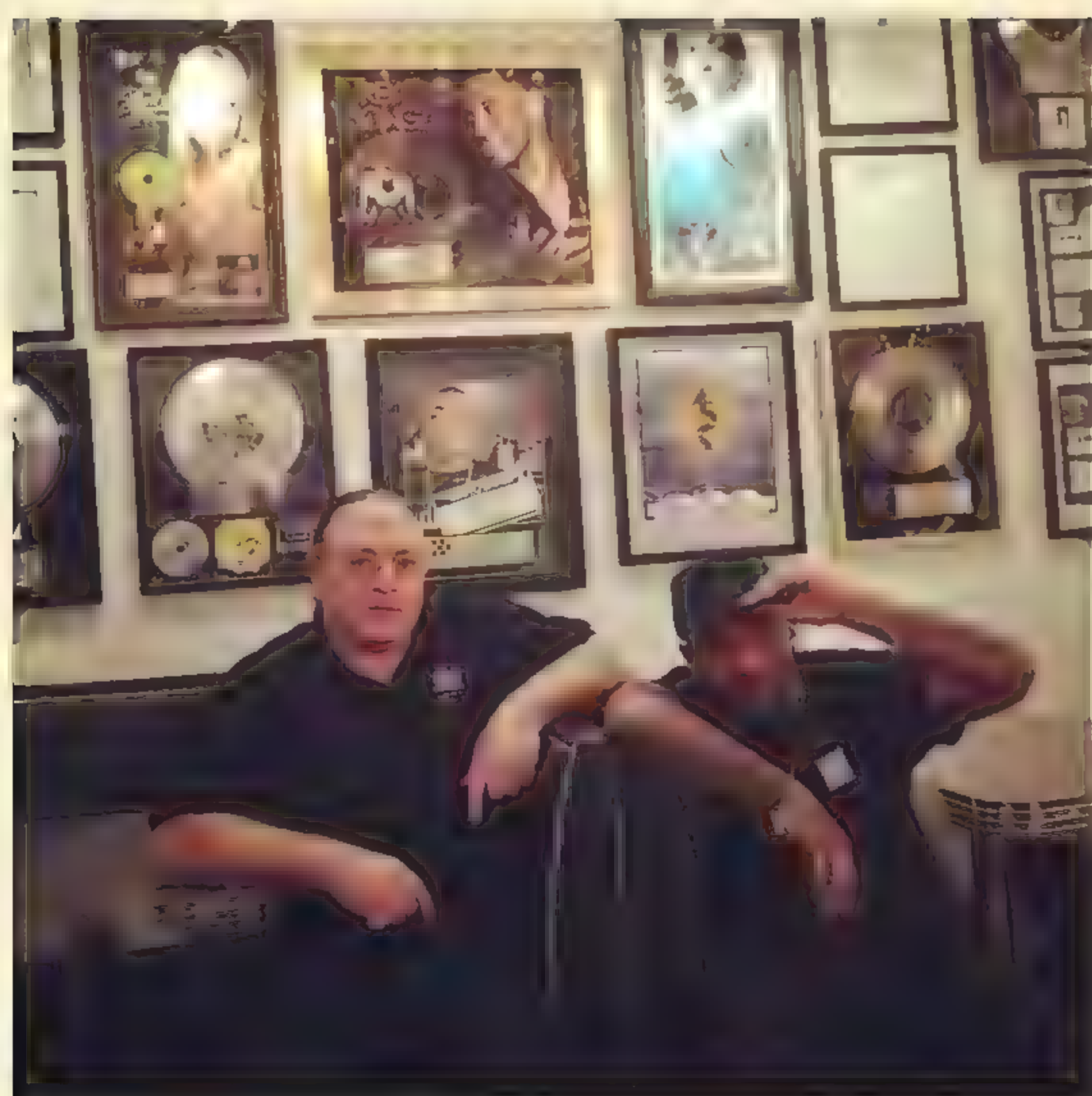
with Nas, one of hip hop's most revered lyricists, added to his growing credibility in the industry. His involvement in the production and mixing of various tracks for Nas further solidified his place within the hip hop community.



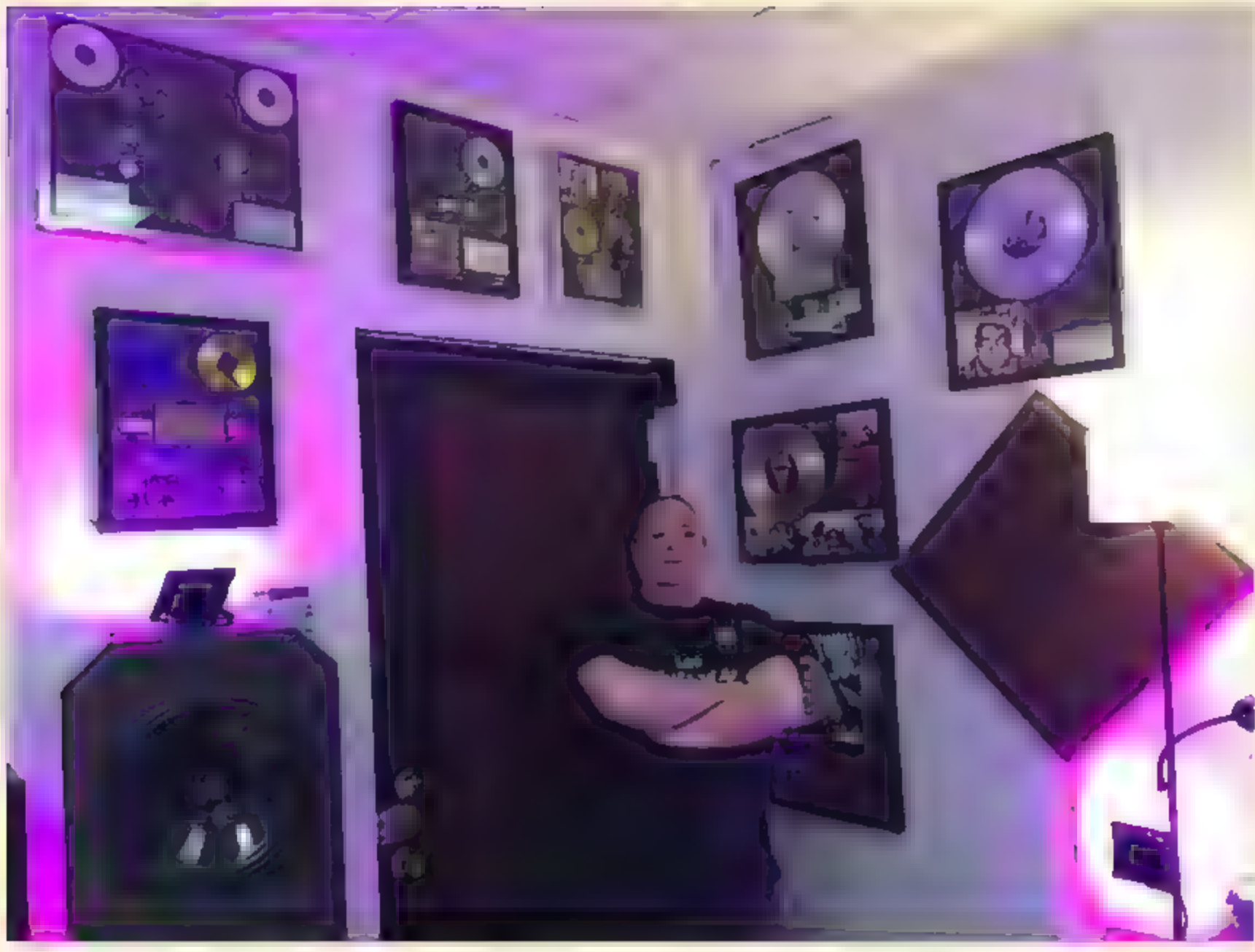


# The Mix King & Plain Truth Entertainment

As The Mix King, Steve Sola became known for his impeccable mixing skills, crafting clean, professional-sounding tracks that still retained the raw, unfiltered essence of hip hop. His production style often involved blending hard-hitting beats with nuanced instrumental layers, capturing the spirit of classic East Coast hip hop while also pushing boundaries. In addition to his production work, Sola was a key figure in Plain Truth Entertainment, an independent label and collective that was influential in the underground hip hop scene. He worked alongside other like-minded artists and producers, helping to shape the sound of hip hop during a transformative period in the genre.







# Legacy and Influence

While Steve Sola may not always receive the same level of public recognition as some of his peers, his contributions to the sound of classic albums are undeniable. His mixing and production have been crucial in defining the audio aesthetics of several classic hip hop albums. His ability to make complex tracks sound crisp and polished while maintaining an authentic, raw energy has made him a respected figure in the industry. Through his work with Mobb Deep, Nas, and others, Steve Sola has become a behind-the-scenes powerhouse, earning his place as a significant figure in the production and mixing side of hip hop. His legacy lives on as the sound of those projects continues to influence new generations of producers, engineers, and hip hop fans.



**A.J. Snow** is an emerging rapper and music artist known for his distinct style, blending elements of hip-hop, rap, and R&B. While not as widely known as mainstream figures, he has built a reputation through his consistent work and passionate fan base.

**Early Life and Background** A.J. Snow was born in the United States, and like many hip-hop artists, his music reflects his personal experiences and struggles. His upbringing and environment played a significant role in shaping his sound and lyricism, which often touches on themes of street life, personal growth, relationships, and social issues.





# Music Career

A.J. Snow began his musical journey in the underground rap scene, where he worked to develop his unique sound. He initially gained attention through his mixtapes, where his lyrical abilities and storytelling caught the ears of fans and critics alike. Over time, A.J. Snow honed his craft, gaining a steady following on social media platforms like SoundCloud and YouTube. His early projects were marked by introspective lyrics, where he rapped about his personal struggles, aspirations, and experiences with both joy and hardship. His style often blends hard-hitting verses with melodic hooks, making his music accessible to both rap purists and mainstream listeners.

# Breakthrough and Recognition

A.J. Snow's rise to prominence began with the release of his projects such as *The Coldest Winter* and *No Limitations*, which showcased his growth as an artist. These projects garnered attention from hip-hop fans and critics alike, further establishing him as an artist to watch in the underground scene.



# Collaboration with Jansport J

A significant part of A.J. Snow's musical journey has been his collaboration with producer Jansport J, known for his soulful, jazzy beats. Jansport J's production style, full of smooth samples and deep drum grooves, complements A.J. Snow's introspective and often personal lyrics. Their partnership is most evident in tracks from A.J. Snow's projects like *No rewards for the real* and *Lets get Rich*. The chemistry between the two artists has helped define Snow's sound, with Jansport J's atmospheric production perfectly matching A.J.

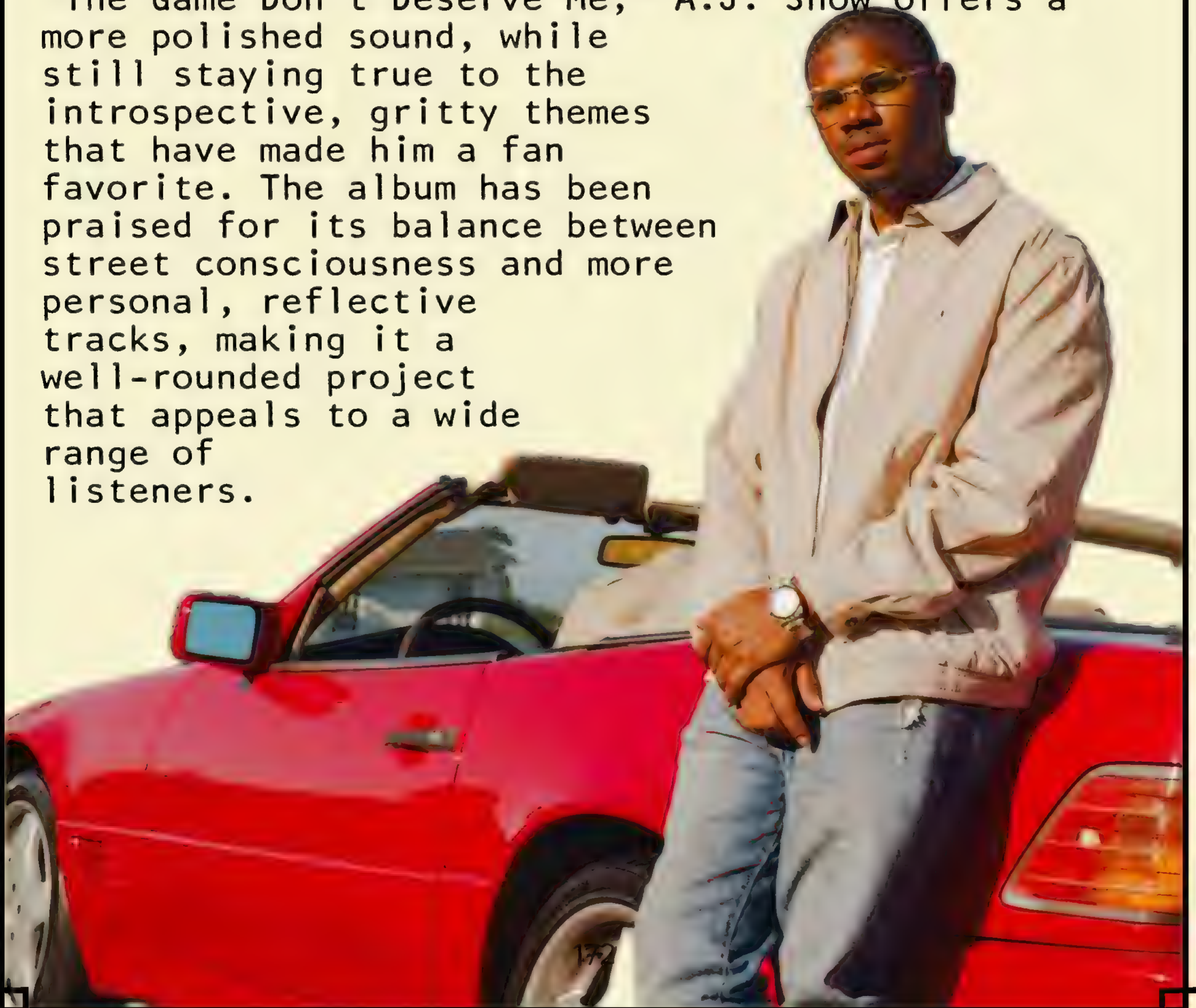
Snow's emotional depth and lyrical storytelling.





# "The Game Don't Deserve Me"

A.J. Snow's most recent album, further solidifies his place in the rap game. The album explores themes of betrayal, ambition, and the struggle for success in the cutthroat world of the music industry. The title reflects Snow's feelings of being unrecognized and undervalued by the game, yet he remains resilient and determined to make his mark. The project features a mix of raw, unfiltered lyricism and slick production, with Jansport J contributing some of the standout beats that elevate the album's mood and vibe. In "The Game Don't Deserve Me," A.J. Snow offers a more polished sound, while still staying true to the introspective, gritty themes that have made him a fan favorite. The album has been praised for its balance between street consciousness and more personal, reflective tracks, making it a well-rounded project that appeals to a wide range of listeners.





# Style and Influence

A.J. Snow's music is often characterized by its emotional depth, with a mix of gritty street tales and more introspective, vulnerable tracks. His flow is dynamic switching from rapid-fire bars to slower, more melodic cadences allowing him to experiment with different sounds while maintaining a cohesive style. His influences range from classic hip-hop icons like Nas and Jay-Z to more contemporary artists such as Drake and Travis Scott. Legacy Though A.J. Snow's career is still on the rise, his passion for music and his focus on growth as an artist have positioned him for potential mainstream success. With his unique blend of street-conscious lyricism and melodic sensibilities, A.J. Snow is poised to be a significant figure in the evolving hip-hop landscape. His collaboration with Jansport J has only increased his visibility and solidified his place in the modern hip-hop scene. With projects like "The Game Don't Deserve Me" under his belt, A.J. Snow is continuing to carve out a unique space for himself in the industry. Aj is a two time guest of HipHopTalks and we can't wait to hear what he does next









# Paul Hendricks,

professionally known as Babypaul or BPZY, is a highly respected music producer with a career spanning decades. A key figure in New York's hip-hop scene, Babypaul first gained recognition as part of the Beatminerz production team, crafting iconic tracks for legendary artists. His ability to blend hard-hitting beats with soulful melodies has made him a sought-after collaborator across the industry.





# Career Highlights

Nas's Stillmatic: Babypaul produced the track Destroy & Rebuild one of the standout songs from Nas's critically acclaimed Stillmatic album. This track is notable for its sharp commentary on Nas's relationships within the hip-hop community. Babypaul shared an exclusive behind-the-scenes story about the production and impact of this track during his appearance on HipHopTalks. The Beatminerz Era: As a member of the legendary production crew, Babypaul helped shape the sound of East Coast boom-bap, working with artists like Smif-N-Wessun, M.O.P., and others. Diverse Collaborations: Beyond hip-hop, Babypaul has worked in R&B and other genres, contributing to projects for a wide range of artists

# Future Ambitions

With a renewed creative vision, Babypaul is poised to take the music industry by storm in 2025 His upcoming projects aim to push boundaries, combining his classic production style with contemporary influences, ensuring his continued relevance and impact.



# HipHopTalks

## Appearances

Babypaul has been a featured guest on HipHopTalks twice, where he offered exclusive insights into his career, including stories about working on Stillmatic and his journey through the evolving landscape of hip-hop production. Babypaul's legacy is defined by innovation, authenticity, and a relentless pursuit of excellence, making him one of the most influential and enduring figures in music production.



# Jameel “Double” James

is a highly respected music executive, manager, and the president of Hit-Boy's Surf Club, a dynamic music collective and production powerhouse. A Grammy-winning force behind some of hip-hop's most celebrated projects, Double has played a pivotal role in the creation of \*Nas' King's Disease\* series, which brought the legendary rapper his first-ever Grammy Award. Known for his sharp ear for talent and unwavering loyalty, Double embodies the true definition of my brother's keeper, offering steadfast support to those in his circle.





More than just a leader, Double is recognized as a cornerstone of integrity and authenticity within the music industry. His ability to cultivate trust and foster collaboration has earned him a reputation as one of the most solid figures in the game. With a keen sense of the culture and an unmatched dedication to his craft, Jameel Double James continues to elevate the sound and spirit of hip-hop.





# HYENA SQUAD

## MAFIA MENTALITY





# Hyena Squad

is a dynamic hip-hop duo hailing from Lansing, Michigan. Formed in 2017 by Kenqua Smith, also known as Derange Da Messiah, and Dante Mitchell, known as Iced Out, the group blends their talents to create a unique sound that has captured attention across the Midwest. They united their respective independent labels, Iced Out Records and Cash Me Out Records, to build a strong business foundation and expand their musical reach.

The group's music is known for its raw energy, creative rhymes, and infectious beats. Hyena Squad has made waves with their relentless touring and standout performances. Their latest single, *"Find Out"*, featuring Grammy-winning rapper 2 Chainz, exemplifies their growth and ambition. The track, with its edgy vibe and powerful production, showcases their ability to collaborate with top-tier artists and deliver a bold musical experience.

Hyena Squad continues to build their legacy, not just through their music but also through their ability to engage fans and create a sense of community. Whether on stage or through their online presence, they remain a force to watch in the evolving hip-hop landscape.



# Rueben Wood: Visionary, Entrepreneur and Music Industry Leader



Rueben Wood stands out as a dynamic figure in entertainment, known for his multifaceted career as the President of Quality Control Music DJs and an innovative entrepreneur. From an early age, Rueben showcased his knack for marketing and

business, starting as a young hustler selling candy in school. Over the years, he translated that entrepreneurial spirit into founding SOM Magazine, initially focused on music and artists, which later evolved into a platform that aids brands, big and small, in connecting with global audiences. Rueben's leadership in Quality Control Music DJs has amplified his influence in hip-hop, a genre he not only supports but also helps propel through strategic marketing and DJ talent management. Beyond music, he excels as a journalist, media consultant, and content curator, always innovating to stay ahead in a competitive industry. His collaborations with notable personalities and his ability to leverage media for impactful storytelling further underscore his significance in the entertainment landscape.



Rueben is also committed to giving back, using his platform to spotlight global issues and support charitable causes. His philosophy rooted in belief in oneself and staying focused has not only guided his personal success but also inspired others to follow in his footsteps. For more about Rueben Wood, follow him on social media @realruebenwood.



# Lyrical Truth: The Voice of Authenticity in Hip-Hop

Lyrical Truth is a rapper whose name speaks for itself delivering raw, unfiltered truths through powerful lyricism and unmatched storytelling. Born and raised with hip-hop as a constant backdrop, Lyrical Truth has carved out a reputation as an artist who speaks to the soul of the culture, blending poetic depth with undeniable charisma.

From the start of his journey, Lyrical Truth stood out for his ability to weave vivid narratives that resonate deeply with listeners. Whether reflecting on personal struggles, celebrating triumphs, or tackling social issues, his words strike a chord that goes beyond entertainment they inspire. With a flow that seamlessly combines technical precision and emotional weight, he bridges the gap between old-school grit and modern innovation. In addition to his musical talents, Lyrical Truth is dedicated to uplifting his community, using his platform to amplify underrepresented voices and spark meaningful conversations. Whether performing on stage, collaborating with fellow artists, or engaging with fans, his commitment to staying true to himself and the culture is unwavering.





Lyrical Truth's music isn't just heard it's felt. With a catalog that continues to grow and a passion that fuels his every move, he stands as a reminder of what hip-hop can achieve when it's rooted in honesty and purpose. As an artist, a storyteller, and a voice for the people, Lyrical Truth is solidifying his place as one of the most compelling figures in the game.



Represent  
your block



Best East Coast Album  
"The Force"  
by LL Cool J





# Best Down South Album "Please Dont Cry" by Rapsody





# Best West Coast Album "Paisley Dreams" by The Game & Big Hit





Best West Coast Album  
"Blue Lips"  
by SchoolBoy Q





# Best Down South Album "Alligator Bites Never Heal" by Doechii





Best Midwest Album  
"The Auditorium Vol. 1"  
by Common





# Songs of the Year



# 1. Not Like Us Kendrick Lamar



Coop's Comment - More lies than the GOP  
convention but a banger



## 2.Carnival Ye and Ty Dollar \$ign



Coop's Comment - Best Kanye record in a decade.  
How the mighty have fallen



### 3.Wanna Be Glorilla ft Megan



--- No Comment ---



## 4. Saturday Night Special LL Cool



Coop's Comment - Definition of an OG classic



## 5. Hey Jane Tyler The Creator



--- No Comment ---





# Press Play



# Drake Lawsuit

## Episode 45



### COOP

1. KENDRICK- SQUABBLE UP
2. GOODIE MOBB- SOUL FOOD
3. BONE- E. 1999
4. WYCLEF- GONE TIL NOVEMBER
5. BIG WHAT'S BEEF
6. D'ANGELO-DEVIL'S PIE
7. ODB-SHIMMY SHIMMY YA

### AG

1. NAS- WHAT GOES AROUND
2. NAS AMERICA
3. DMX-PRAYER SKIT
4. KANYE- FAMILY BUSINESS
5. GOODIE MOB-SOUL FOOD
6. FAB & JADA - SOULFOOD
7. CAM-LET ME KNOW

### SHAWN

1. GZA- GOLD
2. NAS- REWIND
3. CUBE- IT WAS A GOOD DAY
4. BIG WARNING
5. GHOST FT. RAE- MAXINE
6. NAS- THE SETUP
7. BIG- N\*\*\* BLEED



# Produced by DJ Premier

Episode 46



## COOP

1. GANGSTARR YOU KNOW MY STEEZ
2. GROUP HOME- LIVIN PROOF
3. BIG L FT. KANE PLATINUM PLUS
4. KRS-ONE- MC'S ACT LIKE THEY DON'T
5. JERU THE DAMAJA COME CLEAN
6. KOOL G RAP FIRST N\*\*\*\* REMIX
7. M.O.P. STICK TO YA GUNZ

## AG

1. GANG STARR FT. DECK ABOVE THE CLOUDS
2. BIG L FT. FAT JOE- THE ENEMY
3. KISS FT. STYLES & SHEEK NONE OF YA'LL BETTA
4. BIG L FT. KANE PLATINUM PLUS
5. RAKIM-WHEN I BE ON THA MIC
6. AZ- THE FORMAT
7. ROYCE DA 5'9- BOOM

## SHAWN

1. THE GAME- BORN IN THE TRAP
2. JERU THE DAMAJA YA PLAYIN YASELF
3. CZARFACE FT. DECK-LET IT OFF
4. CNN-INVINCIBLE
5. BLAQ POET-BANG THIS
6. WESTSIDE GUNN- SHAWN VS. FLAIR
7. FAT JOE- THAT WHITE



# KD3 and Black Album Anniversaries

## Episode 42



### COOP

1. HEAVY D FT. KOOL G RAP DON'T
2. M.O.P. FT. KOOL G RAP-STICK TO YA GUNZ
3. PETE ROCK FT. KOOL G RAP-TRULY YOURS 98'
4. PAPOOSE FT. KOOL G RAP-THUG CONNECTION
5. TONY TOUCH FT. KOOL G RAP-CLASS OF 87'
6. MOBB DEEP FT. KOOL G RAP- THE REALIST
7. JUICE CREW THE SYMPHONY

- AG
1. DREAMVILLE- UNDER THE SUN
  2. COLE MIDDLE CHILD
  3. RAPSODY-BACK IN MY BAG
  4. SOJOURNER- RAPSODY FT. COLE
  5. LITTLE BROTHER-SPEED
  6. LITTLE BROTHER- SLOW IT DOWN
  7. LITTLE BROTHER- LOVIN IT

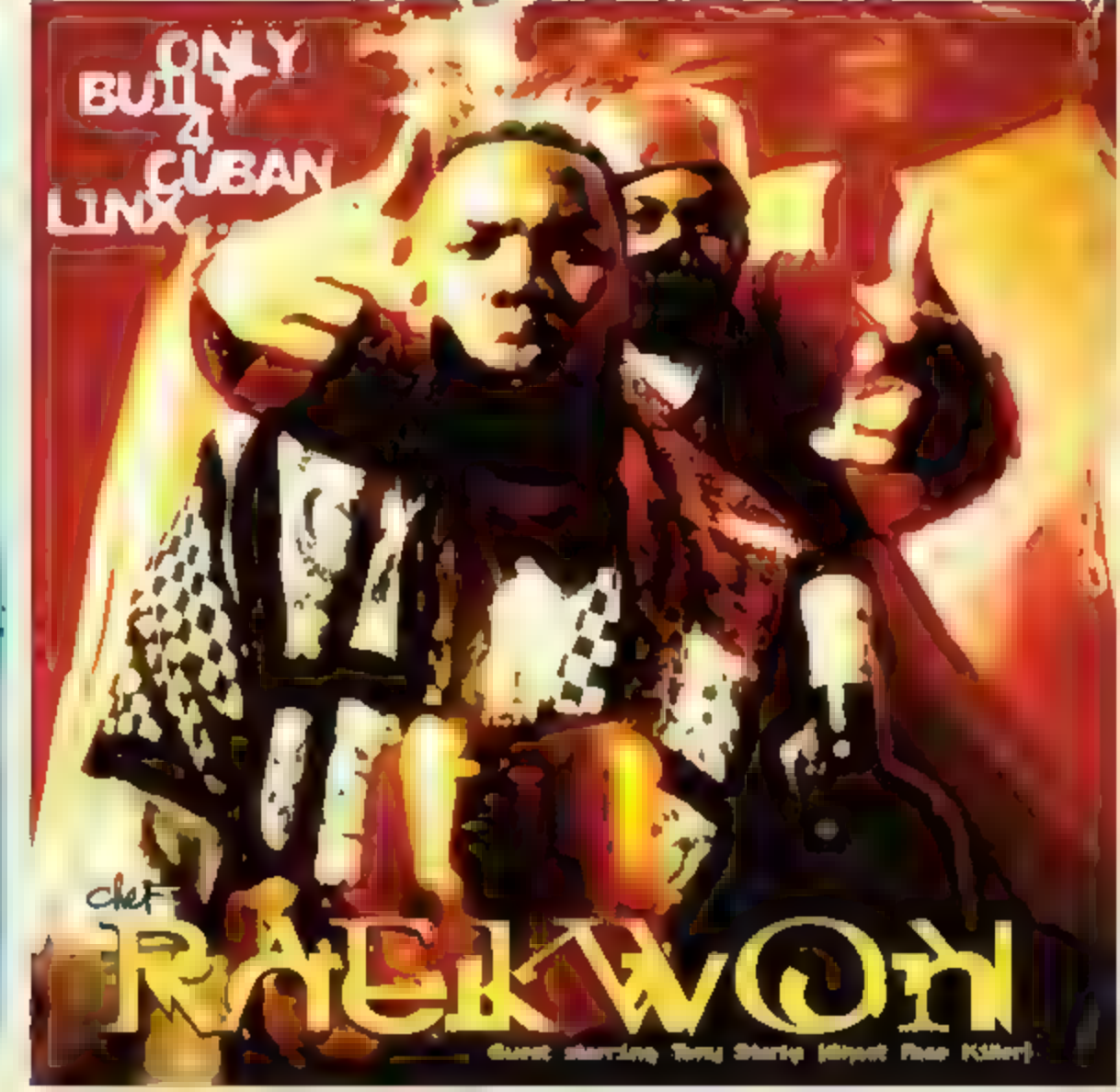
### SHAWN

1. NAS-THUN
2. NAS-30
3. NAS- RECESSION PROOF
4. JAY- WHAT MORE CAN I SAY
5. JAY-ENCORE
6. JAY-PSA
7. NAS- ESCO LETS GO



# Tapping in at work

## Episode 43



### COOP

1. AZ- THE COME UP
2. THE WHISPERS IN THE MOOD
3. THE ISLEY BROTHERS HERE WE GO AGAIN PTS. 1&2
4. MARVIN GAYE INNER CITY BLUES
5. GZA-KILLAH HILLS 10304
6. GOODIE MOBB FT 3 STACKS- THOUGHT PROCESS
7. MISSY FT. BIG BOI- ALL IN MY GRILL

### AG

1. NAS-ECHO
2. NAS FT. RAVAUGHN-ROYALTY
3. HIT BOY DOM NAS-CITY ON LOCK
4. NAS & HITBOY EPMD
5. NAS CORDAE GIBBS- LIFE IS LIKE A DICE GAME
6. NAS- BIG NAS
7. HIT BOY NAS THE TIDE

### SHAWN

1. GHOSTFACE FT. RZA MARVEL
2. JAY-LYRICAL EXERCISE
3. LARGE PRO FT. NAS- STAY CHISEL
4. RAEKWON-NORTH STAR
5. KANYE- LATE
6. AZ FT NAS- SERIOUS
7. NAS- ROSES & THE BLACK BOND



# Halloween Theme

Episode 40



## COOP

1. DOMINOE FT. CHILL TALES FROM THE HOOD
2. NAS- THIEF'S THEME
3. MOBB DEEP FT. RAE NIGHTTIME VULTURES
4. MORA JADAKISS- JASON
5. SNOOP DOGG- SERIAL KILLER
6. MC EIGHT-ONE LESS NI\*\*\*
7. WHOODINI- FREAKS COME OUT

## AG

1. FAB & JADA FREDDY VS JASON INTRO
2. KANYE FT. JAY, ROSS, NICKI MONSTER
3. METH & RED CEREAL KILLER
4. EMINEM-3 A.M.
5. DMX-DAMIEN
6. NAS- QUEENS WOLF
7. GETO BOYS- MIND PLAYING TRICKS ON ME

## SHAWN

1. G.O.D. PT. III- MOBB DEEP
2. 2PAC-HAIL MARY
3. GRAVEDIGGAZ-DANGEROUS MINDZ
4. DR. DRE- MURDER INK
5. CLIPSE- NIGHTMARES
6. DMX-X IS COMING
7. MOBB DEEP- HELL ON EARTH



# Quincy Jones

## samples

### Episode 41



#### COOP

1. WU-BRING DA RUCKUS
2. METH- BISCUITS
3. ODB- SHIMMY SHIMMY YA
4. RAE KNOWLEDGE GOD
5. GZA-KILLAH HILLZ 10304
6. GHOST FT. RAE & CAPPA-IRON MAIDEN
7. WU-BELLS OF WAR

#### AG

1. BIG L- 98' FREESTYLE
2. PRODIGY POWER RAP FREESTYLE INTERLUDE
3. 50 CENT FT. BANKS/EM- DON'T PUSH ME
4. NAS FT. JAY BLACK REPUBLICAN
5. CAPPADONNA-OH DONNA
6. SNOOP-GZ AND HUSTLAS
7. JAY FT. BIG BROOKLYN'S FINEST

#### SHAWN

1. NAS- IT AIN'T HARD TO TELL ERS
2. LL- HEY LOVER
3. MOBB DEEP- SHOOK ONES PT 2
4. MOBB DEEP- Q.U. HECTIC
5. KANYE GOOD LIFE
6. NAS SURVIVING THE TIMES
7. WU & ONYX THE WORST



# Kendrick and SZA

## Episode 38



### COOP

1. OSTRAWYCLEF & MS. HILL- GUANTANAMERA
2. THE FIRM-PHONE TAP
3. WU- THE MGM
4. JAY-IMAGINARY PLAYERS
5. BIG-MY DOWNFALL
6. GOODIE MOB DECISIONS DECISIONS GHD
7. COMMON-INVOCATION

### AG

1. ERIC B & RAKIM-KNOW THE LEDGE
2. TUPAC & STRETCH-PAIN
3. RZA- TRAGEDY Style
4. MURDER INC- STREETS WATCHING
5. MADE MEN & LOX-TOMMY'S THEME
6. NAS-U WANNA BE
7. 50 CENT- HUSTLERS AMBITION

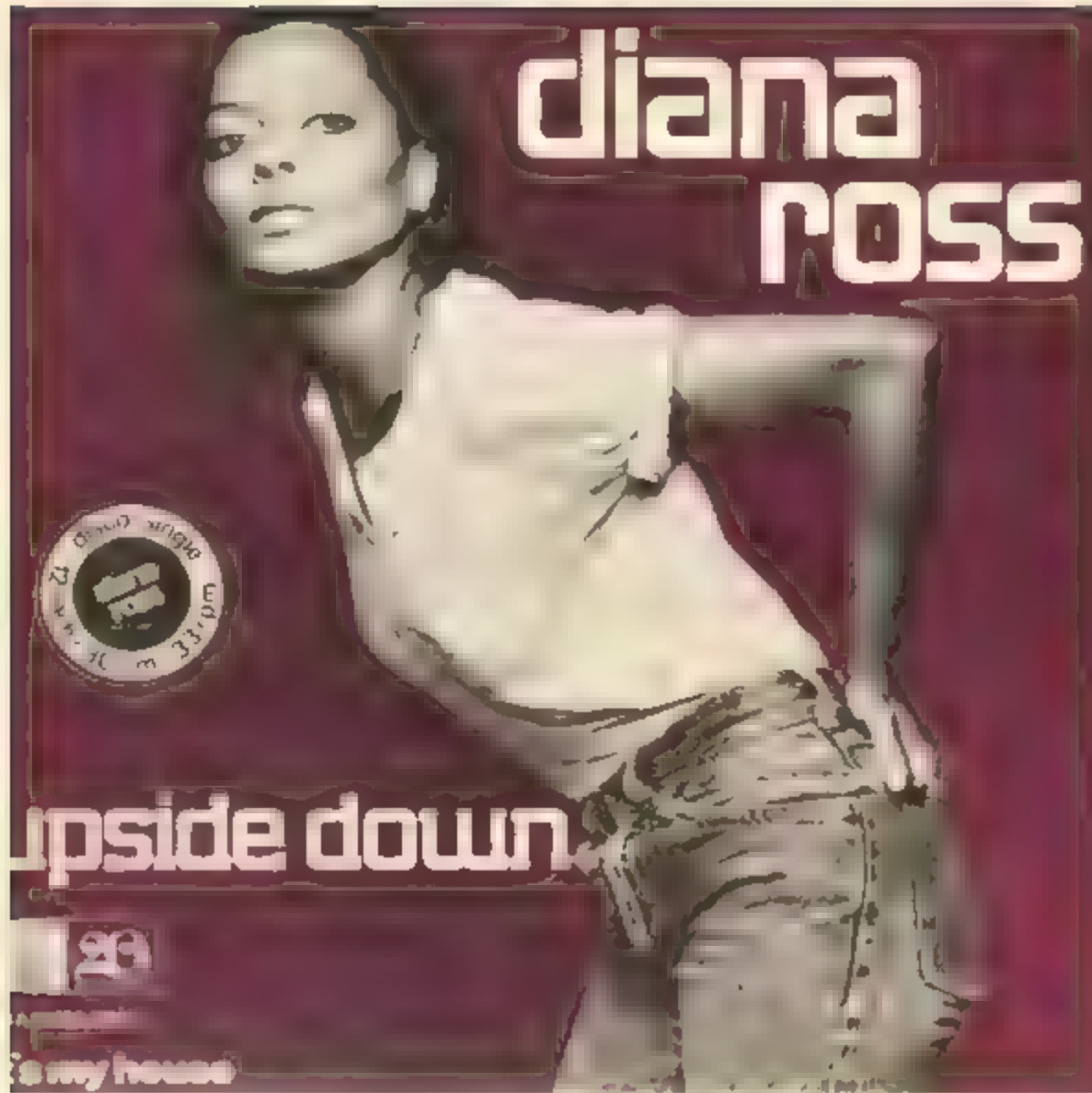
### SHAWN

1. NORE & NATURE- I'M LEAVING
2. STYLES P & NORE- COME THRU
3. STYLES P & PHAROAEH MONCH- THE LIFE
4. GHOSTFACE & TRIFE- BISCUITS
5. BOOT CAMP CLICK HEADS ARE REDDEEPT 2 BELLY
6. JADA & NAS- WHAT IF
7. LOST BOYZ- GHETTO JIGGY



# Welcoming AJ Snow

Episode 34



## COOP

1. DIANA ROSS: UPSIDE DOWN
2. PE: BLACK STEEL IN THE HOUR OF CHAOS
3. BDP: LOVE'S GONNA GET YA
4. STEVIE WONDER: ROCKET LOVE
5. CLIPSE: YOUNG BOY
6. USHER FT. ELLA MAI: DON'T WASTE MY TIME
7. FREDDIE GIBBS: WHITE RANGE

## AG

1. ELLA MAI: 10,000 HOURS
2. SZA: KILL BILL
3. MJ: THE LADY IN MY LIFE
4. USHER: SUPERSTAR
5. BIG SEAN: WHO ARE YOU (SUPERSTAR)
6. NAS: ECHO TOW
7. MOBB DEEP FT. NAS: IT'S MINE

## SHAWN

1. CHRIS BROWN X USHER: NEW FLAME
2. PRODIGY: 7TH HEAVEN
3. AZ: SOSA
4. NAS: MESSAGE TO THE FEDS
5. ENVOGUE: DON'T LET GO (LOVE)
6. NINE POUND SHADOW: BRIDGES
7. 50: FULLY LOADED CLIP



# Goat Features

Episode 35



## COOP

1. MADONNA: TAKE A BOW
2. BEE GEES: STAYIN' ALIVE
3. NAS: TAKE IT IN BLOOD
4. RE-UP GANG: STAY FROM AROUND ME
5. H.E.R. FT. YG: SLIDE
6. THE ROOTS: PUSH UP YA LIGHTER
7. IAMGAWD & CLYPTO: WISE SOULS

## AG

1. YE: CAN'T TELL ME NOTHING
2. NAS: WHITE LABEL
3. NAS: NO IDEAS ORIGINAL
4. J. COLE FT. DAYLYT & AB-SOUL: PI
5. BEANS & FREEWAY: GOT NOWHERE
6. JOE BUDDEN: LOVE, I'M GOOD
7. DRAKE: PARIS MORTON MUSIC

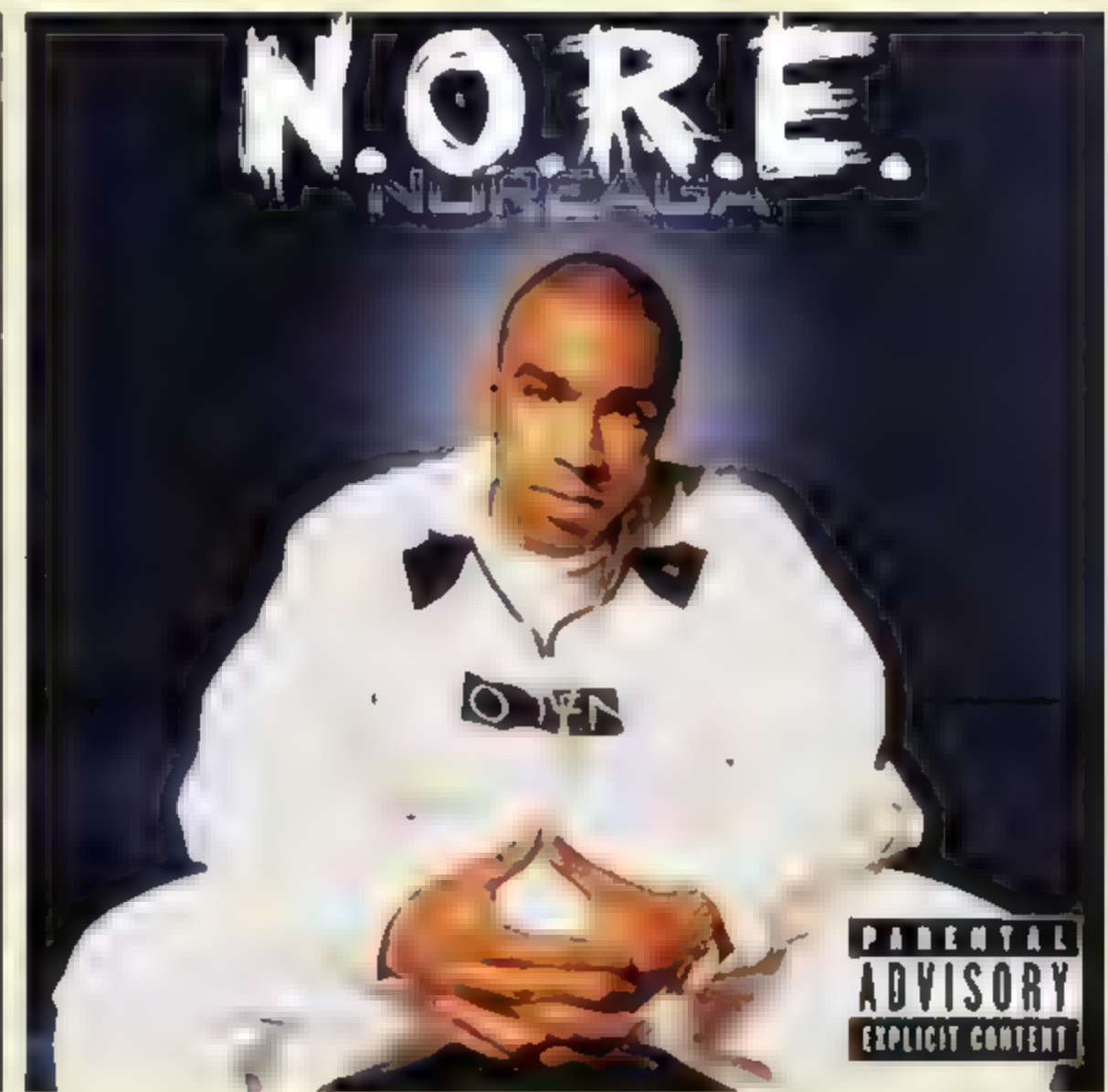
## SHAWN

1. YE FT. JAY: NEVER LET ME DOWN
2. YE FT. NAS: WE MAJOR
3. BUSTA FT. NAS: DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY
4. KENDRICK: RONALD REAGAN ERA
5. COLE: LIGHTS PLEASE MIGHT
6. DMX FT. KISS & STYLES: WE DON'T GIVE A F\*\$%\$
7. FAT JOE FT. TERROR SQUAD: TRIPLETS



# 1998 Edition

## Episode 36



### COOP

1. OUTKAST: WEST SAVANNAH EDITION
2. DMX: GET AT ME DOG REDAM MEDIOR MAN
3. GANGSTARR: YOU KNOW MY STEEZ
4. PETE ROCK FT. DECK, KURUPT: TRU MASTER
5. PUN FT. BLACK THOUGHT: SUPER LYRICAL
6. LAURYN HILL: LOST ONES
7. JUVENILE: HA

### AG

1. GHOSTFACE: COBRA CLUTCH
2. METH FT. CAPPADONNA, STREETLIFE: SWEET LOVE
3. LOX: ALL FOR THE LOVE PUN DMX
4. AZ FT. NAS: HOW YA LIVIN'
5. DJ CLUE FT. NAS: QUEENSFINEST FAT
6. JAY FT. BLEEK: COMING OF AGE (DA SEQUEL)
7. FAT JOE FT. NORE: MISERY NEEDS COMPANY

### SHAWN

1. PUN: BEWARE
2. METH: PERFECT WORLD
3. CAPPADONNA: SLANG EDITORIAL
4. DMX: INTRO OFF OF "ITS DARK.."
5. LOX: LIVIN' THE LIFE
6. NORE: BANNED FROM TV
7. REDMAN: LET THE MONKEY OUT



# Best Non Hip Hop



# Hurray for the Riff Raff The Past Is Still Alive



Genre: Country



Bonny Light Horseman  
Keep Me On Your Mind  
See You Free



Genre:Folk



# Waxahatchee Tiger's Blood



Genre: Country



# Breakthrough Artists of 2024



# BigHit

Straight outta Pasadena





# Glorilla

Straight outta Memphis





# Doechii

Straight outta Florida





# Sexy Red

Straight outta St. Louis





# Who to watch in 2025



# The Clipse

Live from Virginia





# Young Thug

Live from The A





# J Cole

Live from The Ville







Who got next  
in 2025



# Yung Nudy

Live from The A





# Anycia

Live from The A





# Rich Amiri

Live from Boston





# Last Words



As we close out 2024, we want to take a moment to thank YOU, our amazing fans, for being a part of the HipHopTalks journey. Your unwavering support, enthusiasm, and dedication have made our first year a success, and we couldn't have done it without you. In this first-year book, we celebrate all the moments, the interviews, the deep dives, and the connections we've made in the world of hip hop and beyond. Whether you're a long-time listener or a new subscriber, you've helped us build a community where the culture thrives, and the conversation never stops. Looking ahead, we're more excited than ever to make 2025 the best year yet for HipHopTalks Media. We have big plans, fresh content, exclusive interviews, and much more on the horizon. The journey is just beginning, and we're thrilled to continue this ride with you. Thank you for being part of HipHopTalks, and here's to another year of celebrating the culture we all love!







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End!